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Steve Neubecker is the St.Joseph Public Safety Director. He said police departments are getting fewer applicants to fill openings, and efforts are being made to recruit more candidates, especially minorities.

Calling all cops

Area departments struggle to fill positions, attract minority candidates

By JULIE SWIDWA
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ST. JOSEPH — Five years ago, an opening for a police officer in the St. Joseph Department of Public Safety would draw dozens of applicants.

Although the department is currently full-staffed, recent openings have drawn just a few applicants, according to Public Safety Director Steve Neubecker.

"Five years ago we were interviewing 20 people out of 40 or 45 applicants. Recent openings drew just four or five applicants, and those were coming from other departments. And none were minorities. We haven't had any minority applicants in over four years," Neubecker said.

He is hoping that will change.

"I would like to have a diverse department. How can we attract, hire and train minorities? A couple of our reserve officers are minorities, but they don't want a career in law enforcement," Neubecker said.

"My hope is to get them interested while they're in high school, bring them in as cadets, then we will help them with college and police academy costs," he added.

What Neubecker is seeing is not unusual. Police departments across the nation are struggling to recruit new officers as events unfold, changing the nature of police work.

"Yes, there are a few bad officers out there as there are bad people in almost any line of work today," said St. Joseph Township Police Chief Randy Leng.

"But right now all officers are being looked down upon by some people because of the actions of the very few. Officers I respect and work with are dedicated men and women who go out every day to try to help people and do the right things for the citizens," he added.

Leng said that although he would not change his decision to pursue a career in law enforcement 37 years ago, he is not sure he would be quick to recommend the job to young people at this time.

"While I feel it is a good career, I would tell someone to wait and see how things turn out across the nation in reference to all the police reforms that are being discussed," he said. "I have been blessed to have had an excellent career as a police officer in St. Joseph Township. I still enjoy the job, and even in the current climate, I still have a lot of citizens come up to me and thank me for what I do."

The St. Joseph Township Police

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Police academy enrollment down

But KVCC director of program sees reasons for optimism

By JULIE SWIDWA
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KALAMAZOO — While police departments struggle to attract new recruits, the Law Enforcement Training Center Police Academy at Kalamazoo Valley Community College has seen a huge drop in numbers this summer.

Director Victor Ledbetter said that for the next academy, set to run Aug. 24 through Dec. 15, as of mid-July there were just 12 enrolled applicants. Normal enrollment is in the 20s for the academy that KVCC runs twice a year. It is where many of the police officers in Southwest Michigan received their training.

"Michigan State Police is not having an academy this year due to budget cuts," Ledbetter said. "We've extended our deadline to apply so we can reach out to those who had applied for the state police academy."

He said that current events across the country and the COVID-19 pandemic have combined to bring the numbers down this year.

"It's an extraordinary year, and considering that, I'm happy with the numbers," Ledbetter said.

Asked whether there would be a number of enrollees that is too few to hold the academy, he said, "I struggle with that. The number of officers in the state is so low. We need police officers, and it's my duty to produce them."

Ledbetter said he is seeing an increased interest in Black people wanting to become police officers, and he's encouraged by that.

"I've talked to people and a lot of Black men have said they will apply for the academy in January. Black men want to come in and make a change from the inside out," he said.

Ledbetter took over as director of the academy at KVCC in 2018. Since then, he has implemented specific training regarding implicit bias, de-escalation, LGBTQ awareness, autism awareness, and ACES, which stands for Adverse Childhood Experiences Syndrome.

"I'm especially proud of the first two, implicit bias and de-escalation, because the governor has now mandated that training for police officers in Michigan, and we're already doing it," he said.

The implicit bias training helps police officers understand any unconscious biases they may have.

"If you decide something about me before you even meet me, because I am Black, that's an implicit bias. We train our officers to understand what theirs are," he said.

The academy at KVCC is a 16-week program that runs 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday. Ledbetter said his is the only police academy in Michigan that devotes a full week to diversity training.

Ledbetter said he hopes and expects that current events will result in more and better police officers.

"We have a downward trend right now, but I think it will take a turn for the better. People who would not have considered a career in law enforcement now are showing interest, and that's a good thing. We need our community's cultures to be represented with more diverse officers," he said.

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Lakeshore football player tests positive for COVID-19

District says all protocols are being strictly followed

By LOUISE WREGE
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STEVENSVILLE — Lakeshore Superintendent Phil Freeman said he is confident that a Lakeshore football player testing positive for COVID-19 recently doesn't mean that the virus is being spread during athletic practices at the school.

He said the player was showing no symptoms when he attended practice on Friday, July 10, but developed them the following day and has not attended a practice since.

Then this Wednesday, Freeman said the Berrien County Health Department contacted him about the positive COVID-19 test.

"They called us and reviewed our protocols, something that they helped us develop," said Freeman, when contacted by phone. "... After reviewing all of our protocols, they decided that it was highly unlikely that there was any opportunity for transmission."

An email was sent to all football parents this week and Wednesday evening's football practice was canceled.

Freeman said the district will continue to follow the protocols set up based on information from the health department and the Michigan High School Athletic Association.

"We actually go beyond some of the recommendations by cohorting our kids into small groups, and

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High school sports on track for fall

MHSAA rules out potential full-season swaps, but contingency plans being made

By JOSH VANDYKE
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The Michigan High School Athletic Association is proceeding toward a fall sports season with a few contingencies in place.

The MHSSA Representative Council met virtually with MHSAA staff on July 15 to discuss the potential of playing sports again in August. The council plans to meet July 29 for further discussion but will continue with the traditional fall sports practice schedules for all sports.

High school football practice is slated to begin on Aug. 10, while all other fall sports will begin on practicing on Aug. 12.

"Our student-athletes just want to play, and we've gone far too long without them playing," said MHSAA Executive Director Mark Uyl. "But doing so safely, of course, remains the priority. Our plan moving forward is fall (sports) in the fall, starting on time. We're excited to continue moving forward to bring back sports safely. It's important for keeping students in our schools and keeping students in our sports programs.

"We remain grateful to the Governor (Gretchen Whitmer) for the opportunity to build the schedule and policies for returning sports to schools. We will continue to support her directives and those of the state and local health departments as we work to create the safest environment for all involved in our activities."

The MHSAA is keeping some options open, however, as it attempts to navigate a rapidly changing environment during the coronavirus pandemic. The council has contingency plans in place if fall sports practices or competitions need to be delayed and have discussed the steps necessary to potentially move higher-risk fall sports to later in the school year.

If all fall sports are suspended, they will be rescheduled during a reconfigured calendar that would see winter sports begin in November, followed by the conclusion of fall and spring seasons potentially extending into July 2021.

The council ruled out any potential swapping of the fall and spring sports seasons due to the high-risk nature of spring sports like girls soccer and boys lacrosse, which carry a similar risk as high-contact fall sports like football and indoor sports like girls volleyball and girls swimming and diving. The potential of moving a selection of low-risk spring sports to the fall was also deemed unnecessary because it would force student-athletes to pick between sports they've previously played.

The future of high school sports will rely heavily on the progression by schools and regions across the state in accordance with the governor's MI Safe Start Plan. There are currently two regions that are in phase 5, which allows limited indoor activity, while the rest are in phase 4, which rules out any indoor training, practice or competitions.

The MHSAA staff is building COVID-related policies for all fall sports and will make those guidelines and precautions available to member schools as the season approaches. Those policies will follow up what was presented to schools for summer offseason training, which began June 1 across the state and has seen thousands of student-athletes participate.

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Justice Ginsburg says cancer has returned, but won't retire

WASHINGTON (AP) — Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg said Friday she is receiving chemotherapy for a recurrence of cancer, but has no plans to retire from the Supreme Court.

The 87-year-old Ginsburg, who has had four earlier bouts with cancer including pancreatic cancer last year, said her treatment so far has succeeded in reducing lesions on her liver and she will continue chemotherapy sessions every two weeks "to keep my cancer at bay."

"I have often said I would remain a member of the Court as long as I can do the job full steam. I remain fully able to do that," Ginsburg said in a statement issued by the court.

Ginsburg, who was appointed by President Bill Clinton in 1993, is the senior liberal justice on a court that leans conservative by a 5-4 margin. Her departure before the election could give President Donald Trump the chance to shift the court further to the right.

Ginsburg's history with cancer goes back more than 20 years. In addition to being treated without surgery for a tumor on her pancreas last year, she also underwent surgery for colorectal cancer in 1999, pancreatic cancer in 2009 and lung cancer in December 2018.

Dr. Alan Venook, a pancreatic cancer specialist at the University of California, San Francisco, who is not involved in Ginsburg's care, said that "clearly, she's got incurable disease now" because of the spread to her liver.

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they're always with that same group of people just in case there is a situation like this that came up," he said.

Athletic Director Greg Younger said several other high school teams are practicing, including tennis, cross country, golf, volleyball, basketball, soccer and softball. He said the middle school teams that are practicing are football and cross country.

"Everything begins with social distancing in everything we do," he said. "The last thing we want to have happen is students or our families to become infected. We want to continue providing our students with something positive that they can be a part of."

Freeman said district officials continue to be in constant contact with the health department as they make plans for students possibly returning to school in the fall.

"They've been great, just fantastic, with their guidance and support," he said.

Freeman said parents are encouraged to keep their children home if they have any COVID-19 symptoms, which include cough, fever, sore throat and runny nose.

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Friday drawings

Michigan
Poker Lotto
QS-4D-10D-9H-7S
Midday Daily 3
5-3-3
Midday Daily 4
7-9-6-9
Daily 3
2-6-8
Daily 4
3-9-4-5
Fantasy 5
06-14-26-29-39
Keno
02-09-11-15-29-36-37-38-43-46-47-51-53-55-60-61-64-69-71-75-77-80
Mega Millions jackpot
$101 million
Powerball jackpot
$97 million

Thursday drawings

Indiana
Cash 5
02-05-06-15-30
Estimated jackpot
$200,000
Cash4Life
12-21-23-25-57, Cash Ball: 2
Quick Draw Midday
01-08-11-16-21-26-27-28-31-36-43-44-45-48-54-55-68-73-77-80, BE: 36
Daily Three-Midday
0-6-1, SB: 7
Daily Three-Evening
8-9-0, SB: 2
Daily Four-Midday
9-4-2-0, SB: 7
Daily Four-Evening
2-3-1-2, SB: 2
Quick Draw Evening
03-07-13-21-22-27-32-40-46-50-52-63-65-66-69-70-71-74-78-79, BE: 7

Illinois
Lotto
01-20-25-32-33-35, Extra Shot: 15
Estimated jackpot
$2 million
LuckyDay Lotto Midday
10-13-15-22-29
Estimated jackpot
$200,000
Pick Three-Midday
8-3-4, Fireball: 2
Pick Three-Evening
1-9-1, Fireball: 0
Pick Four-Midday
6-6-4-8, Fireball: 3
Pick Four-Evening
6-8-3-1, Fireball: 0
Lucky Day Lotto
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– The Associated Press

Reality shows shortfalls of Trump's claim to 'best testing'

By ZEKE MILLER, DARLENE SUPERVILLE and MICHAEL STOBBE
Associated Press

Josh Bell via AP

A Tidelands Health medical professional changes latex gloves during a drive-through COVID-19 testing site on Friday at Myrtle Beach Pelicans Ballpark in Myrtle Beach, S.C.

WASHINGTON — Here are some snapshots from what President Donald Trump describes as the nation with the "best testing in the world" for the coronavirus:

In Sun Belt states where the virus is surging, lines of cars with people seeking tests snake for hours in the beating sun, often yielding results so far after the fact that they're useless.

In Pittsburgh, adults who are afraid they've been exposed to the coronavirus are being asked to skip testing if they can quarantine at home for 14 days to help reduce delays and backlogs.

In Hawaii, the governor will wait another month to lift a two-week quarantine on visitors because of test supply shortages and delays that potential visitors are facing in getting results.

"Testing has been a challenge everywhere," says Utah Republican Gov. Gary Herbert.

The White House insists it's giving states whatever they need. But public health experts say the testing system is in shambles and federal leadership is lacking. Trump's persistent salesmanship about the prowess of testing in the United States is colliding with a far different reality for those affected by the explosion in coronavirus cases.

The long lines and processing delays are contributing to the virus' spread and upending plans to reopen stores, schools and other activities that are vital to the economic rebound that Trump himself is intent on bringing about.

"We have the best testing in the world," the president insisted Tuesday. He falsely claimed "the cases are created because of the fact that we do tremendous testing."

But U.S. testing on a per-capita basis lags other countries that have done a far better job of controlling their outbreaks. And state, local and federal officials are warning of the consequences of testing bottlenecks – including tests rendered useless because results come too late.

"It's essentially worthless to have a test result that comes back after 48 hours," said Dr. Leana Wen, an emergency physician and public health professor at George Washington University who previously served as Baltimore's health commissioner. She explained that after that time, the window to begin contact tracing and prevent additional infections has essentially closed.

"We are nowhere near being able to rein in this virus with the amount of testing we have available at the moment," she added. "Testing is the linchpin."

The Trump administration plays down the problem.

Adm. Brett Giroir, assistant health secretary, says more than half of U.S. states are processing test results in three days or less, adding "everybody is doing a really good job as much as they can."

Guidelines issued by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommend that states, as they lift final virus restrictions, have a turnaround time under two days.

White House press secretary Kayleigh McEnany suggests that it's states that need to do more.

"There are various different types of tests in this country," she said Thursday. "Some take longer to process than others. But we have surged testing to the states and we encourage them to use it to their best ability and to process those tests as quickly as possible."

Yet even Republican governors say they need more federal help.

Maryland Gov. Larry Hogan, chairman of the National Governors Association, is deeply critical of the administration's testing response.

"We expected something more than constant heckling from the man who was supposed to be our leader," Hogan wrote in an op-ed in The Washington Post this week. "Trump soon disabused us of that expectation.

"On April 6, he declared that testing wasn't Washington's responsibility after all," Hogan went on. "'States can do their own testing,'" he quoted Trump as saying. "'We're the federal government. We're not supposed to stand on street corners doing testing.'"

Whoever is responsible for testing shortfalls, the result is working against Trump's own goals to move beyond the virus and get the economy moving.

In Hawaii, Democratic Gov. David Ige said a shortage of chemical reagents used in testing was one reason the state will delay a plan to make it easier for tourists to visit. It was a huge disappointment to many in Hawaii hoping for a surge in tourism to reopen hotels, get people back to work and reduce the state's 22.6 percent unemployment rate.

In Pennsylvania's Allegheny County, which encompasses Pittsburgh and 1.2 million residents, health officials are trying to triage the demand for tests. Dr. Debra Bogen, director of the county's Health Department, is asking adults who are concerned that they were exposed, but do not have symptoms, to put off getting tested.

Even as the White House sticks with its rosy outlook, the U.S. government's top official in charge of coronavirus testing is urging Americans not to get retested for COVID-19 to confirm they've recovered.

"It's clogging up the system," Giroir said.

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Department is currently full-staffed, but two officers are expected to retire sometime next year, creating vacancies.

Berrien County Sheriff Paul Bailey said his department just filled three vacancies and has one more opening for which he has no eligible applicants. He echoed Neubecker in a desire to have a more diverse workforce.

"We have males and females, but it's hard to get Black or Hispanic applicants, although we try to encourage them to apply," the sheriff said.

He said minorities entering police work tend to go to the east side of the state, where departments are larger and salaries are higher.

The Berrien County Sheriff's Office runs an Explorer Program in which young people ages 15-20 can learn about what police work entails.

"We have 12 kids in the program right now, and just one is a minority," he said.

Bailey said police departments go through good and bad times, and ups and downs.

"Right now is a down time so now is the time we need to encourage young people to get into police work. I would encourage people to ask to sign up for a ride-along, or join our reserves, and see if it's the right fit. It's a great profession. We need people to step up," the sheriff said.

Bridgman Police Chief Daniel Unruh said in his view, the newer generation of police officers don't appear to be as devoted or loyal to the profession as those in years past.

"For example, officers used to beg for overtime or extra shifts whereas today it's more difficult to fill that void. Is that because of the changing climate or attitudes toward law enforcement in general? I'm sure that may have something to do with it. Maybe people are witnessing the civil unrest and riots around the country and don't really want to subject themselves to that scrutiny or danger," Unruh said.

He said his department is currently full-staffed with five full-time officers, four part-time officers and four unpaid reserve officers.

"I would prefer to add at least one or two additional part-time and reserve officers to help during various functions and activities and for vacation or sick time scheduling. I've found it more and more difficult to recruit officers," Unruh said.

He said small departments like his cannot compete with the higher wages and better benefits offered by larger ones.

"A lot of times, officers working for smaller departments are recruited by larger departments and we become more or less a training ground, where we train young officers, equip them with some experience and knowledge, just to have them leave for bigger and better things," he said. "I'm not only proud of my current officers but very thankful they chose this department as their career choice."

Unruh said he would still recommend a law enforcement career to young people.

"But I would strongly suggest to them that they seriously consider the climate, environment and working conditions law enforcement is facing at this time," Unruh said.

As for himself, he said if he had it to do over, "I absolutely would choose this profession. I have never really been interested in anything else. Even during these very trying and troubling times, I still love the job after 43 years and when I stop enjoying it, I'll retire."

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FOX (17)(222)(28)(32)	Modern Family	Beat Shazam CC (DVS)		Ultimate Tag CC (DVS)		Fox 17 News at 10:00PM (N) CC	
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AMC	:00 ★★★ The Green Mile ('99, Drama) Tom Hanks, David Morse. A condemned prisoner possesses a miraculous healing power. CC						
Animal	My Cat	My Cat From Hell:		My Cat From Hell (N)		Cat From Hell	
BET	Done Yet	★★★ Do the Right Thing ('89, Drama) Danny Aiello. CC					
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Bravo	Jurassic Park ('93)	7:46 ★★★ Jurassic Park ('93) Sam Neill. Cloned dinosaurs run amok at an island-jungle theme park.					Lost World
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CMT	★★★ A League of Their Own			★★ Runaway Bride ('99) CC			
CNBC	Boss	Undercover Boss		Undercover Boss		Undercover Boss	
CNN	Situation	Situation Room		Situation Room		United Shades	
Comedy	6:30 Joe Dirt		★★★ Knocked Up ('07) Seth Rogen. CC				
Discovery	Mysteries of	Mysteries of the Abandoned (N)		Expedition Unknown (N) CC		Expedition Unknown CC	
Disney	Big City	Big City	Amphibia	Owl Hse.	Amphibia	Big City	Big City
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MTV	Ridic.	Ridic.	Ridic.	Ridic.	Ridic.	Ridic.	Ridic.
NBCSCH	NHL	Chicago Blackhawks Rewind (N)				Fight Sports: Boxing	
NFL	Football	A Football Life		A Football Life		A Football Life	
Nick	Sponge.	Dylan	Unfiltered	All That	Sponge.	Friends	Friends
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Oxygen	Accident, Suicide	Accident, Suicide, or Murder CC		Accident, Suicide, or Murder CC		Killer Siblings "Vues" CC	
Parmt	:00 ★★ Get Hard ('15)			★★ Get Hard ('15) Will Ferrell. CC			
Showtime	:00 ★★★★ Rocky ('76, Drama) Sylvester Stallone. CC			★★★ Casino ('95, Crime Drama) Robert De Niro, Sharon Stone. CC			
Starz	:05 ★★ Venom ('18) Tom Hardy, Michelle Williams. CC			Hightown "Blessed" CC		9:59 ★★ Think Like a Man	
STZENC	6:35 ★★★★ Forrest Gump ('94) Tom Hanks. CC			★★★ Philadelphia ('93, Drama) Tom Hanks, Denzel Washington. CC			
SyFy	Harry Potter and Deathly Hallows		:34 ★★★ Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 2 ('11) Daniel Radcliffe, Rupert Grint. CC (DVS)				
TBS	:00 ★★ Uncle Drew ('18) Kyrie Irving. (P). CC			Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory
TCM	5:30 Rio Bravo	★★★★ The Maltese Falcon ('41) Humphrey Bogart, Mary Astor. CC (DVS)				★★★ High Sierra ('41) CC	
TMC	:15 ★ Peppermint ('18, Action) Jennifer Garner. CC			★★★ The Final Girls ('15) Taissa Farmiga. (P).			Blood Fest ('18)
TNT	Rampage	★★★ Captain America: Civil War ('16, Action) Chris Evans.					
Travel	Paranorm.	Paranormal		Believers (N) CC		Hotel Paranormal (N)	
TV Land	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men
USA	6:00 The Bourne Ultimatum		★★★ American Sniper ('14, War) Bradley Cooper, Sienna Miller, Jake McDorman. CC (DVS)				
VH1	★★ Bad Boys ('95) Martin Lawrence. CC					★ Bad Boys II	
WGN-A	:00 Blue Bloods	Blue Bloods "Flags of Our Fathers"		Blue Bloods "Back in the Day"		Blue Bloods "Cursed"	

Neighbor sues neighbor over botched bathroom renovation

Jeanne Phillips
Dear Abby

DEAR ABBY: We were friendly with our next-door neighbor, who owned a contracting company, and we hired him to renovate our bathroom. At the time, we thought he did a wonderful job. It looked beautiful. Unfortunately, he didn't set the tub correctly, and a slow leak was happening underneath it. Three years later, our kitchen ceiling came down. We had to pay $10,000 to repair the damage, and the entire tub and shower had to be removed and redone.

We talked with our neighbor about it, and he seemed apologetic, but after speaking with his wife, who is a lawyer, he told us our options are to "eat it" or sue him. We did sue him.

The case was dismissed prior to trial on a technicality, and the judge suggested we refile with a lawyer. We had tried to represent ourselves in small claims court, and the judge said it's difficult to do when the opposing side has a lawyer. I have so much anger and resentment toward them that when I see them my heart pounds.

Our other neighbors are on our side. They all say the couple will move, but if they don't, can you give us any advice on how to deal with this if we choose not to refile a lawsuit? He knows he completed this part of the job wrong, but his wife won't let him do the right thing. I'm blown away by the lack of ethics from people we regarded as friends. They have now cut ties with the entire circle of friends in our neighborhood over this. – The Right Thing In The East

DEAR THE RIGHT THING: Do not blame only the wife for what happened; her husband is her willing partner. They are equally ethically challenged, not to mention shameless, so don't count on them moving any time soon.

Because you are reluctant to incur the expense of hiring a lawyer to represent you in court, consider reporting the husband to the Better Business Bureau and the state contracting license board. If you do, it may save another family from experiencing the frustration and monetary loss you have.

DEAR ABBY: I feel like I do better on my own. I don't want kids, I don't want a husband, and I don't want commitment. I have accepted that I'm better by myself, but my mother, who is religious, is still convinced that I will want a kid one day. She feels she "knows" this, even though I have told her many times that I wouldn't be able to handle a husband or children. I have done my best to grin and bear it, but I feel guilty for disappointing her by not fulfilling her fantasy about my having a breadwinner husband and being a trophy wife with perfect kids.

It's not that she won't get to be a grandmother. She already is, but my sister isn't perfect, and I don't like that Mom wishes me to be what the rest of my siblings couldn't be. Also I can tell the idea of my being bisexual makes her queasy. She is still in denial.

What can I do when she says things like she can't wait until I have a husband or a kid of my own, or when she makes the same irritating face whenever anything about anyone's sexual orientation is mentioned? – Likes It Solo In Texas

DEAR LIKES IT: Because you have told your mother repeatedly that marriage and parenthood aren't what you want, when she brings it up, change the subject. Do not allow her to make you feel guilty for wanting to live your life the way you see fit. It is YOUR life, not hers, and you were not put on this earth to fulfill her fantasy or make up for your sister's deficits.

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Tired of hearing husband complain about his colleague year after year

Carolyn Hax

Adapted from an online discussion.

DEAR CAROLYN: I've been married for 14 years, and for the last 11, my husband ("Joe") has been in the same job, working alongside a colleague who predated him at the small company. The colleague is not very good at what they do and doesn't take initiative, which means Joe has to run most of the projects in the office, even though they are technically peers.

Their mutual boss knows this but doesn't do anything about it. Some people think the colleague is senior to Joe since the colleague has been there longer, which bothers Joe a lot. Also, Joe suspects the colleague is getting paid the same, even though Joe works twice as much as the colleague.

I've had to hear Joe complain about this person on and off for 11 freaking years. I've tried listening, making suggestions, trying to provide some perspective – saying, for example, if this colleague is the worst part of a job you otherwise like and pays well, then so be it, etc. – but I feel like it hasn't improved. I'm still hearing about colleague weekly, if not daily.

Is there a point when I can tell Joe I'm just so sick of hearing about the colleague and he either needs to do something about it, change his views on it, or just stop mentioning it to me? – Oh, It's Groundhog Day again

OH, IT'S GROUNDHOG DAY AGAIN: Sure. It's a fair complaint. And a loving one, if you say it warmly and if saying it means you don't start rejecting his companionship out of wild-eyed exasperation that you haven't given him a chance to address.

It may be too late for this, or maybe you've already tried it as part of the 1,000,000 ways you've urged him to talk about something else. But ...

Joe does have choices, as we all do, even if he thinks he has no other options for employment. Whether he knows it or not, Joe is choosing to stay in this situation over job-hunting or being unemployed.

You could use this word, too: prefers. He actually *prefers* this to the alternatives. When he no longer *prefers* to do his colleague's work for him gratis over the alternatives, and no longer prefers to do nothing about his situation except complain about it, then Joe will presumably start looking for other work.

If he is able to see it that way, then maybe it'll lessen or even stop the chafing of feeling "stuck" against his will.

RE: JOE: Love the Econ talk. I'm an economics professor and your mention of trading off characteristics and that Joe must "prefer" something about this job sound a lot like my consumer theory lecture! – Anonymous

ANONYMOUS: Next stop, Hollywood!

RE: JOE: He needs an alternative coping mechanism. It doesn't even have to necessarily involve her. He's just been relying on an unconditionally open ear out of necessity and convenience not realizing the long-term effect it's having on his wife. – Anonymous 2

ANONYMOUS 2: Good point. And her letting him know it's affecting her is a good place to start figuring out a Plan B. Thanks.

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CROSSWORD

ACROSS
1 Seance invitee
6 Civilian clothes
11 Wet thoroughly
12 Fancy confection
13 "Hotel California" group
14 United
15 Rain hard
16 — spumante
17 Hairy humanoid
19 Tykes
23 Qt. fractions
26 In fine fettle
28 Last letter
29 Stir up
31 Maui hello
33 Change form
34 More quickly
35 Zoologist's eggs
36 Cooking direction
39 Winged insect
40 Germany's Helmut —
42 Swell, as a river
44 Not wasted
46 Rumpled
51 Lyrical
54 Slick
55 Fall back
56 Garage squirter
57 Expunge
58 Play at full volume

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7 Dark
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9 Finger opposite
10 Midwest st.
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12 Mr. Rathbone
16 Had for dinner
18 Lamb's mom
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24 Rabbi's reading
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29 In a frenzy
30 Sound at the movies
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41 Pear-shaped instruments
43 Net note
45 Royal honorific
47 West Coast sch.
48 Incites to attack
49 Bed support
50 Craving
51 Face or amble lead-in
52 Above, to poets
53 Spacewalk, to NASA
54 Watch chain

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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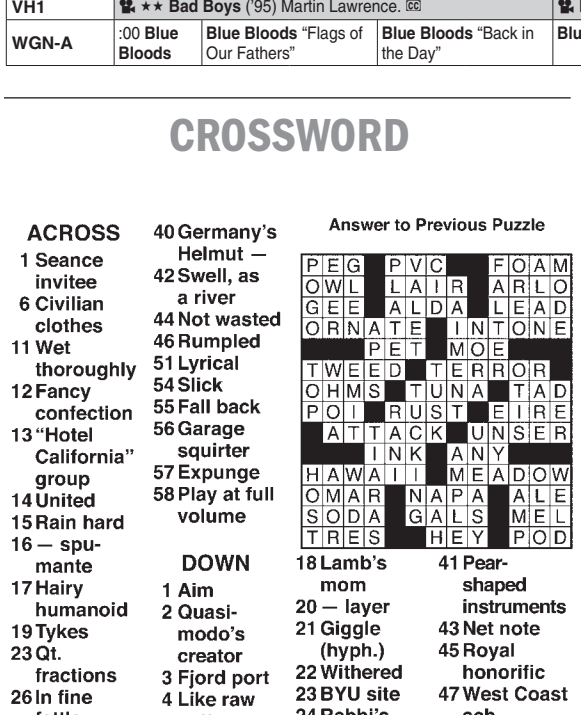

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JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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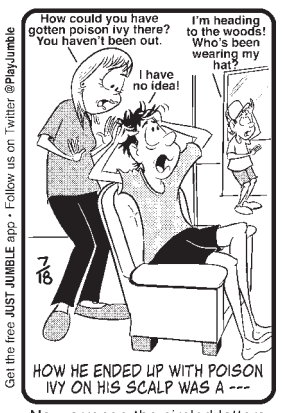
How could you have gotten poison ivy there? You haven't been out.
I'm heading to the woods! Who's been wearing my hat?
I have no idea!
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HOW HE ENDED UP WITH POISON IVY ON HIS SCALP WAS A ---

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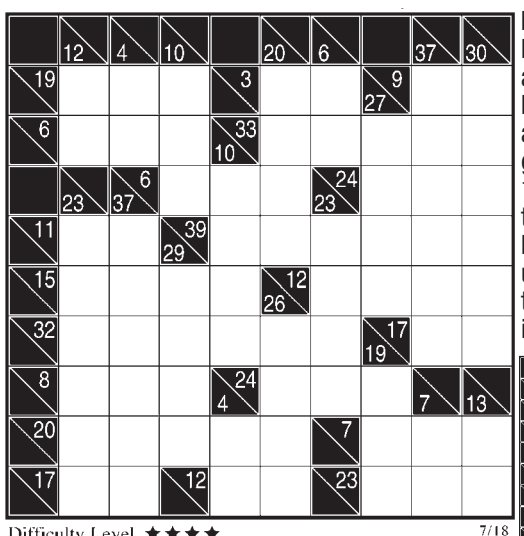
Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers Monday)

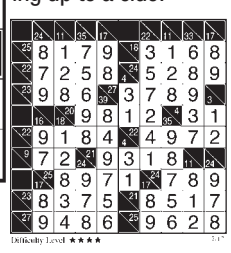
Yesterday's Jumbles: PRESS TRACK SMOOTH INVADE
Answer: The hikers hadn't seen each other in years until they — CROSSED PATHS

KAKURO



Difficulty Level ★★★★ 7/18

How to play: Numbers above the slash are across clues; numbers below the slash are down clues. The goal is to enter digits 1-9 in the white cells to add up to the number clues. You cannot use any digit more than once when adding up to a clue.



BRIDGE

When you are in a suit contract, start by checking losers. But if you can do it in a timely fashion, count winners as well. On about 20 percent of deals, checking winners will point you in the right direction more clearly than worrying about losers.

In today's deal, South was in four hearts. He won the first trick with dummy's diamond ace and cashed the two top trumps, but East discarded a spade. How should declarer have continued?

In the auction, North made a transfer bid, then offered his partner a choice of games. South, with 4-3-3-3 distribution, was tempted to opt for three no-trump, but was worried about diamonds. (Here, three no-trump ought to be defeated.)

South saw four losers: two hearts and two diamonds. But before throwing in the towel, he counted winners. Declarer had two spades, two hearts, one diamond and three clubs in top tricks. (If West had fewer than three clubs, the contract was hopeless.) That was a total of eight. How about trying to get two more by ruffing losers?

Right – after the top trumps, South cashed his high spades, ruffed a spade on the board and took the three club winners. Then declarer led his last spade. What could West have done?

Nothing! If he pitched a diamond, South would have ruffed on the board for his 10th winner. But when West ruffed, declarer discarded a diamond and had to get one more heart trick.

Where did the defense's fourth trick go? At trick 13, West had a high trump and East had the diamond jack. Two winners took one trick.

North 07-18-20
♠ 9 2
♥ A K 7 5 4
♦ A 8 2
♣ 9 3 2

West
♠ J 6 5
♥ Q 10 8 2
♦ K Q 10
♣ J 7 4

East
♠ Q 10 8 3
♥ J
♦ J 6 5 3
♣ 10 8 6 5

South
♠ A K 7 4
♥ 9 6 3
♦ 9 7 4
♣ A K Q

Dealer: South
Vulnerable: East-West

South	West	North	East
1NT	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♥	Pass	3NT	Pass
4♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♦ K

SUDOKU

DIFFICULTY RATING: ☆☆☆☆☆

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How to play: Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9.

PREVIOUS SOLUTION

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Republican Party now belongs to Roger Stone

Jonah Goldberg

Roger Stone is an infamously execrable force in American politics. Perhaps his only saving grace is that he's not a hypocrite about it.

Stone is a proud "dirty trickster." The GOP kept him on a leash lest his amorality be too closely associated with the Republican brand. Part of his code is that the best defense against legitimate criticism is to shoot the messenger: "Admit nothing, deny everything, launch counterattack."

As a proud cynic, if not an outright sybaritic nihilist, Stone would probably find the very notion of legitimate criticism foolish. "Nothing is on the level," he says. What's right is whatever you can get away with. "It's better to be infamous than never famous at all." (These bits of wisdom are laid out in "Stone's Rules," which reads like Mao's Little Red Book of Trumpism.)

I suspect that one reason Stone has a cult following on the right and among many in the media – a fan club that long predates his status as a Donald Trump loyalist – is his willingness to own his political amorality in unapologetic sound bite form, thus immunizing himself from conventional charges of hypocrisy. When you turn deceit and dishonor into guiding principles, the only way you can be a hypocrite is if you fail to go low enough.

But Stone's hypocrisy exemption isn't transferable. His defenders, and defenders of President Trump's commutation of Stone's prison sentence for seven felony counts of perjury, obstruction of Congress and witness tampering, won't escape judgment for their two-faced behavior.

The three main commutation defenses, all offered with Stonian shamelessness, are: (1) The president has the power to do it; (2) it was warranted because Stone's conviction was part of "the "Russia hoax"; and (3) other presidents used their pardon and commutation power corruptly, too.

The first defense is true as far as it goes, though it's a straw man given that few dispute it. It also leaves out James Madison's famous example of a noncriminal but impeachable act: If "the President be connected, in any suspicious manner, with any person" he shelters from justice, Congress would be within its rights to impeach him for it.

Second, whatever you think of the Russia investigation, Stone is guilty of the crimes he was tried for. Indeed, those crimes should enrage those who tout the president's "total exoneration." If Stone believed Trump to be wholly innocent and that the Russia collusion claim was a hoax, why not fully cooperate with investigators to clear the air? Moreover, why would Attorney General William Barr – vilified by the left and lionized by the right for being a Trump loyalist – oppose Stone's commutation and defend his prosecution as "righteous"?

The third and most popular defense is the one that reeks of hypocrisy.

A common talking point is that Bill Clinton abused his pardon power, too. (Of course, Trump's defenders don't say "too" because that would concede that Trump is abusing his power.) Clinton pardoned his own brother! He pardoned billionaire fugitive and Clinton fundraiser Marc Rich!

Roger Clinton's pardon was indeed unseemly. But unlike Stone, he had already served his full sentence. The Rich pardon was worse, but unlike Stone, Rich was not being rewarded for his silence in an investigation of the president.

And here's the hypocrisy. The right was furious about these pardons. The GOP-controlled Senate held angry hearings on the Rich pardon. Newt Gingrich called it "a very profound attack on our criminal justice system." Then-Sen. Arlen Specter suggested it was impeachable, even though Clinton's presidency was virtually over. Tucker Carlson, who was then at CNN, correctly called it "indefensible."

Liberals denounced it, too. Jimmy Carter was outraged by the Rich pardon. New York Sen. Chuck Schumer couldn't "think of a single justification for (it)." "It was inexcusable. It was outrageous," said Vermont Sen. Pat Leahy. Massachusetts Rep. Barney Frank called it a "real betrayal" of Clinton's supporters. "It was contemptuous."

You can argue, as many of us did at the time, that liberal outrage over Clinton's pardon of Rich was a convenient way to criticize the president when the criticism didn't matter anymore. But at least liberals called the inexcusable inexcusable.

A few on the right – including two GOP senators, Mitt Romney and Pat Toomey – have stepped up. But the majority seem not just willing but thrilled to excuse the inexcusable – admitting nothing, denying everything and launching counterattacks. Indeed, Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Lindsey Graham said he wants to grill special counsel Robert Mueller because Mueller penned an op-ed defending the Stone prosecution.

Congratulations, Roger Stone: You won. It's your party now.

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Surrender to the woke left or be purged

Ben Shapiro

This week, gadfly New York Times columnist Bari Weiss resigned her position at the so-called newspaper of record. She did so after years of fielding slings and arrows from her own colleagues and editors, who treated her as an ultra-conservative enemy – this despite the fact that her perspective on the world is an eclectic mix of social progressivism, skepticism toward regulation and foreign policy hawkishness. (Personal disclosure: I, along with many people right, left and center consider Bari a friend.)

The pressure on Weiss from within the newspaper had reached extraordinary proportions: Excerpts of staff Slack chats revealed colleagues openly discussing why Weiss ought to lose her job, maligning her as a bigot and suggesting publicly that she is a liar.

So Weiss quit, and she burned the bridge behind her.

"The lessons that ought to have followed the election – lessons about the importance of understanding other Americans, the necessity of resisting tribalism, and the centrality of the free exchange of ideas to a democratic society – have not been learned," Weiss wrote in her resignation letter. "Instead, a new consensus has emerged in the press, but perhaps especially at this paper: that truth isn't a process of collective discovery, but an orthodoxy already known to an enlightened few whose job is to inform everyone else."

This is the nature of the game: Mirror the perspectives of de facto Times editor Nikole Hannah-Jones and her woke colleagues, or find yourself ostracized, publicly shamed and pressured to leave. And the actual editors of The Times have caved to this nonsense time and again. As Weiss raged: "If a person's ideology is in keeping with the new orthodoxy, they and their work remain unscrutinized. Everyone else lives in fear of the digital thunderdome."

Weiss is hardly the exception inside the bastions of leftist groupthink. At Vox.com, co-founder Matthew Yglesias was shamed into silence for suggesting – sin of sins! – that cancel culture is wrong. His co-founder, Ezra Klein, subtweeted Yglesias, even as Yglesias remained quiet. At Princeton University, professor Joshua Katz wrote an open letter decrying demands from fellow Princeton faculty that the university engage in open racial discrimination in favor of minorities. He was quickly labeled a threat to decency, with fellow professor Eddie Glaude complaining, "Professor Katz, at times in this letter, seems to not regard people like me as essential features, or persons, of Princeton."

The list goes on. And on and on.

In fact, there is only one way to avoid the blacklist: to surrender, utterly and completely. Any sign of remaining dissent must be purged. Bow before Zod, or pay the price. Thus, Ben Howe (again – personal disclosure – a friend), an anti-Trump Republican who edited videos for the pro-Joe Biden Lincoln Project, found himself fired from the project for two- and four-year-old tweets. Thus, Gary Garrels, senior curator of painting and sculpture at the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, was forced to resign his position after he insisted that the museum continue to acquire the odd piece from white artists. The mildest sign of unwillingness to become an "ally" in the Great Culture Purge of 2020 ends with your neck in the guillotine.

Have we finally reached the glorious age in which Absolute Truth is known with such fulsome certainty that our cultural betters should be trusted to wish dissenters away into the cornfield? Of course not. We're just watching the latest cultural revolution in real time. Which leaves those who wish to not be purged with two simple choices: Stand up together against this round of Maoist purification, or hang separately.

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LETTERS

Gorenflo is top choice for Fifth District

Editor,

I met Bruce Gorenflo in 2010 when we were both running for state representative. I found Bruce to be thoughtful, reasonable, and it was clear that he had done his homework. He understood the issues and provided real-life solutions.

After the election, unlike today's scorched earth political environment, we became friends. It is truly refreshing to be able to compete hard yet come together in a civil and professional manner. Bruce Gorenflo is now running for the Republican nomination for 5th District Berrien County commissioner, and I urge everyone in the St. Joseph area to support him. We need Bruce's responsible, yet creative approach to problem solving now more than ever.

Bruce Gorenflo is a caring, compassionate, and fiscally responsible person who is running for office for the right reasons. He has a servant's heart and is a servant leader. A lifelong resident of St. Joseph, and a graduate of St. Joseph High School, he had a long professional career in the area, and has been active in his local church for decades. In fact, he now holds a part-time position at Napier Parkview Baptist Church, and has the time and talent to help shape the future of Berrien County. He is the best choice to serve the residents of the Fifth District.

Sometimes the right person runs for the right office at the right time. This is one of those times. Bruce Gorenflo will be an outstanding county commissioner and I urge voters in the St. Joseph area with your absentee ballot or at the polls on Aug. 4 to support him.

Al Pscholka
Former 79th District State Rep.
Stevensville

Peters is an outstanding public servant

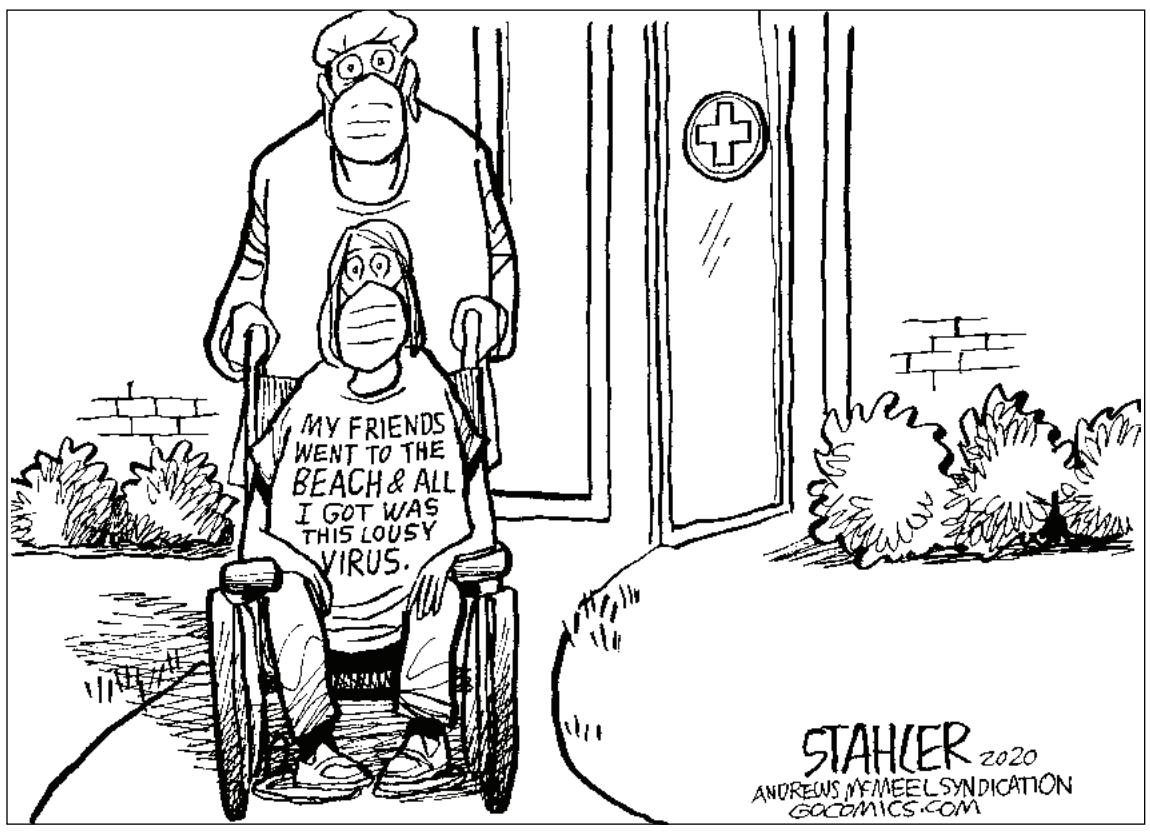
Editor,

Our elected representatives should be focused on public service. Sen. Gary Peters is a clear and strong example of what it means to be a public servant.

In addition to serving in Congress, Sen. Peters is a former lieutenant commander in the Navy Reserve. Because of his own military experience, he understands and has a strong proven record of getting things done for active duty troops and for veterans.

Throughout his time as a congressman and now senator, Gary Peters has been an important advocate for significant pay raises for military service members and for securing increased funding for the Department of Veterans Affairs. He has also helped to expand apprenticeship opportunities for veterans and to increase and improve veterans' health care.

Nonpartisan groups have ranked Sen. Peters as one of the most effective members of the Senate.



He has worked to pass bipartisan legislation providing access to care for veterans struggling with PTSD and on legislation for veterans' access to a simple, three-digit VA assistance hotline. He has promoted legislation to extend benefits to veterans suffering from exposure to Agent Orange and toxic burn pits, and has helped to get tax credits for businesses that provide differential pay to military reservists and National Guard personnel.

Whether it is working to protect our environment by keeping our Great Lakes clean, aiding small businesses with funds for cyber security, or supporting our military and their families, Gary Peters has, in fact, focused on continually providing outstanding service to the public.

I'm a military retiree (major) who has served 20 years in the Army. I believe we need to keep people in office who work to benefit "We, the people."

On Nov. 3 we can help keep our government working for the people by voting to re-elect Gary Peters to the U.S. Senate.

Kenneth Peterson
Buchanan

Diamond Lake party could have been prevented

Editor,

The July 4 weekend party that occurred at Diamond Lake in Cass County has resulted in much public discussion from the national to both the state and local news media. There seems to be plenty of blame for who is responsible for the event – the partygoers, organizers of the party, the Department of Natural Resources, and the Cass County Sheriff's Department.

Instead of casting blame, however, we should be learning from this experience. When the country experiences a natural disaster such as a hurricane, a coordinated response follows, from the Federal Emergency Management Agency, to the Red Cross, to local government and community agencies. The COVID-19 pandemic is an ongoing public disaster, which in turn requires a "disaster" response, one designed to prevent and respond to activities that pose a danger to the public.

Clearly, this event at Diamond Lake has posed a danger to the public and to both public and private property even without there being a pandemic, but that danger increased exponentially in the face of COVID-19. Where was the willingness of the party's organizers to work with public officials? Where was the coordinated response of the DNR, the sheriff's department, and the Van Buren/Cass Public Health Department? These agencies should be working now to create a plan to prevent such events in the future or to appropriately respond to them.

At the very least, it would appear that the DNR's policies need to be reviewed. Why, for example, was a permit required for the July 4 fireworks at Diamond Lake but not for this party? One could argue that in the time of COVID-19, the party posed a much larger danger to the public's health and safety.

Julie Dye
Dowagiac

Cass needs 'yes' vote on senior services millage renewal

Editor,

We are in the heart of election season. With so many national issues at the forefront, we need to be sure to remember the local issues that affect people right here in Cass County.

On Aug. 4, Cass County residents can vote on the renewal millage proposition for services to older people. I hope that you will join me and vote "yes." The millage provides 65 percent of the Cass County Council on Aging's operating income. These funds directly support seniors in our community with many essential programs, like Handy Helpers, which builds wheelchair ramps for those in need at no cost to the homeowner; Meals on Wheels; medical transportation to out-of-county appointments; Medicare and Medicaid counseling; and much, much, more.

The Cass County COA helped seniors stay home, stay safe throughout the pandemic by delivering over 15,000 hot and frozen meals at little or no cost to area seniors. The COA goes the extra mile to keep older adults happy, healthy and engaged in our community.

The millage makes a huge difference in the lives of area seniors. Please join me at the polls and vote "yes" to the COA's renewal Millage Proposition for Service to Older Citizens on Aug.4.

Harry Shaffer
Penn Township

Post-Labor Day school start makes most sense

Editor,

Requests for waivers to commence public school in-class instruction prior to the Tuesday after Labor Day have been steadily increasing by school districts and intermediate school districts since the law was enacted in 2005. Nearly 200 waivers have been granted in recent years allowing schools to commence in August. Considering the current COVID-19 crisis, it would make sense for school districts to adhere to that Tuesday after Labor Day, Sept. 2, 2020, for the 2020 -2021 academic year to – hopefully – see a reduction in COVID-19 cases before sending students, teachers, and staff back to the classroom. Given the earliest possible post-Labor Day date this year, extending the start date to Monday, Sept. 7, 2020, is a safer alternative.

Val Schnable
St. Joseph

State wants Enbridge to pledge funds in case of oil spill

By JOHN FLESHER
AP Environmental Writer

TRAVERSE CITY — Michigan sought a written pledge Friday from Enbridge Inc. to cover costs that would arise if oil were to leak from its dual pipelines that extend across a channel linking two of the Great Lakes, although the Canadian pipeline company said it had already made such a promise.

Department of Natural Resources Director Dan Eichinger asked Enbridge to carry $900 million of liability insurance and set aside about $1.88 billion in additional assets for use as needed in the event of a catastrophic spill.

The twin pipes run along the bottom of the 4-mile-long Straits of Mackinac, which connects Lake Huron and Lake Michigan. They make up one segment of Enbridge's Line 5, which carries oil and liquids used in propane between Superior, Wisconsin, and Sarnia, Ontario.

Enbridge says the underwater section, laid in 1953, is in good condition and has never leaked. Environmental groups and Democratic officials including Gov. Gretchen Whitmer contend it is a hazard that should be shut down, which Attorney General Dana Nessel is seeking in a lawsuit pending in state court.

Enbridge negotiated a deal with former Republican Gov. Rick Snyder's administration in 2018 to decommission the twin pipes after replacing them with a new pipe that would be housed in a tunnel to be drilled beneath the straits. The company plans to begin construction next year and is seeking state and federal permits.

The agreement with Snyder included a pledge to hold the state financially harmless for any damages from a Line 5 spill. But the deal was signed by Enbridge Energy Company Inc., a subsidiary of Enbridge Inc., which is based in Calgary, Alberta. Enbridge Energy is the corporate successor of Lakehead Pipe Line Company, which received a state easement to place the pipes in the straits 67 years ago.

In his letter to the parent company, Eichenger said Enbridge Energy doesn't have the resources to cover costs of a major spill. A state-commissioned report last year found that Enbridge Inc. is not legally bound to abide by financial pledges made by its subsidiary in 1953, he said.

The report noted that the chief executive of one Enbridge subsidiary had testified in 2018 at a Minnesota hearing on different pipeline that Enbridge, Inc. is "not contractually obligated to stand behind the indemnity agreements of a subsidiary."

"As recent events have reminded us, we must get these pipelines that transport crude oil out of the Great Lakes as soon as possible," Eichinger said in a statement. "In the meantime, Enbridge must provide full financial assurance to the people of Michigan that the company will meet its obligations in the event there is a spill or some other disastrous damage to the Great Lakes."

A state judge ordered a temporary Line 5 shutdown last month after Enbridge reported damage to a steel anchor holding a section of one pipe in place. The judge later allowed oil to resume flowing through the other underwater pipe.

In a statement, Enbridge said it "pledges to take full responsibility for the cleanup of any incident in Michigan or anywhere along our pipeline system."

Spokesman Ryan Duffy said one of the agreements signed with the Snyder administration included a provision that "the Enbridge entity or entities that own and operate Line 5, or the parent companies" of such entities, would "maintain in force financial assurance mechanisms that meet or exceed" $1.88 billion.

That figure came from an independent analyst's estimate of costs from a worst-case spill in the straits. Enbridge said it disagreed with the report's methods and conclusions but would keep that sum of money available to deal with a spill if needed.

"Since we already have an agreement with the State of Michigan to provide these assurances, if the State would like to sit down and discuss our financial assurances, we would be happy to do so," the company said.

The Chippewa Ottawa Resource Authority, which represents Native American tribes with fishing rights in the straits area, backed the state's request for an airtight promise from Enbridge's parent company.

"The Straits is more than a waterway; said Bryan Newland, chairman of the Bay Mills Indian Community. "They are a place of ongoing significance to the way of life of for the Tribes since time immemorial."

Michigan City closes its beaches, citing virus, crowds

MICHIGAN CITY (AP) — A northwestern Indiana city's mayor closed all of the community's Lake Michigan beaches Friday to help stem the coronavirus' spread after large crowds gathered recently along the city's lakeshore.

Michigan City's beaches and Washington Park, which includes the community's zoo, closed after midnight Friday on the order of Mayor Duane Parry, who cited unprecedented crowds in an executive order issued Thursday.

The shuttering of those public spaces means no vehicular, pedestrian, motorcyclist or bicyclist traffic will be allowed, The (Northwest Indiana) Times reported.

"This closure will undoubtedly cause inconveniences and disruptions to those who visit, utilize our beachfront, zoo, and park. However, the city is committed under these trying conditions to take precautionary and necessary measures intended to help reduce the risk of spreading the virus locally," the city said in a news release.

Parry's order exempts weddings previously scheduled with the Michigan City Park Department in the city, which borders Lake Michigan and is about 50 miles east of Chicago.

His order expires on July 23 unless the Michigan City Common Council agrees to an extension. If the council declines, the park department can also order for the closure of any facility and property under its jurisdiction, the order states.

Parry's order follows an order by Whiting Mayor Joe Stahura that shuttered that Lake County city's Whihala Beach on Wednesday, until further notice, due to unusually large crowds and the inability for beachgoers to social distance during the pandemic.

OBITUARIES

Scott Hill

May 9, 1952 – July 11, 2020

"He was such a nice man! What a great guy! Don't know anyone nicer! He had the best sense of humor!" These are the words of everyone who was lucky enough to know or even cross paths with Scott Hill.

Scott was born in St. Joseph to Richard and Evelyn (Edinger) Hill on May 9, 1952. He died peacefully but unexpectedly in his sleep on Saturday, July 11, 2020, at home.

Scott started his career in the electrical industry at All Phase Electric Co. in Benton Harbor, where he was branch manager for 10 years. He then moved to Tennessee in 1982 to manage the Kingsport branch of All Phase. He and his long-time love and soulmate, Kimberly Hatch, were married in a little white clapboard church at the top of a mountain in Tennessee in 1984.

For a short period of time after returning to the St. Joe area, Scott became the district manager of All Phase Electric, an honor bestowed on him by Ron Kinney, president and owner of All Phase. However, Scott was drawn to the engineering and design build aspect of the trade, so he transitioned into that side of electrical construction.

Scott worked at both Beaudoin Electric and L.E. Barber. In 1994, he opened Hill Electrical Services Inc. as co-owner and president for the next 25 years. He worked at his profession with the knowledge, diligence and persistence of a man who loved his work. His innovation and dedication to his job is evidenced in many buildings in Berrien County, including Andrews University Performing Arts Center and Hanson Hospice. Scott had a wealth of knowledge which he willingly shared with any and everyone who called upon him for help or assistance.

Scott had several major health issues, many rare and typically fatal. Each time he was told by doctors and specialists that he should not have survived. His final health crisis, a work-related fall down a perilously long flight of basement stairs, ultimately contributed to his death. Six years of quietly persevering the debilitating and continuously deteriorating effects of his fall finally caused him to take his last breath on Saturday.

All who knew Scott are better off for having shared his corner of the world. He had a quick sense of humor and used to know a joke on any subject. His laughter was contagious and when you parted company you felt lighter and happier for having interacted with him.

Scott was a loving, patient father and a devoted soulmate. He was an open-minded, non-judgmental man of integrity and honor. He was a tissue and organ donor who was still able to help someone after his death. We are all better people for having had the opportunity to share our lives with Scott Hill.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Richard and Evelyn Hill; and his younger brother, Rick Hill.

As well as the pain and grief that follows Scott's loss, his wife and children are left with a legacy of laughter: Kimberly H. Hill, Christian P. (Dianna) Hill, Jamie R. (Ben) Miller, Brittany L. (Eric Franklin) Hill and Drew H. Hill.

Private family services have been held. A Celebration of Life Service will be announced at a later date. Memorial donations in Scott's name may be made to NORD National Organization of Rare Disorders or to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Those wishing to sign Scott's Memory Book online may do so at www.starks-menchinger.com.

Death notices

Clara Baker, 76, of Benton Harbor died July 16, 2020, at Hanson Hospice Center, Stevensville. Robbins Brothers Funeral Home, Benton Harbor, 927-3181.

Marilyn Bays, 83, of Niles died July 16, 2020. Brown Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Niles, 683-1155.

Lyle Boelter, 95, of Niles died July 16, 2020, at Woodland Terrace at Longmeadow, Niles. Brown Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Niles, 683-1155.

Sharon Gaudreau, 41, of Niles died July 15, 2020. Brown Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Niles, 683-1155.

Joyce (Krieger) Griffin, 85, of Watervliet died July 13, 2020. Hutchins Funeral Home, Watervliet, 463-3811.

LuWanna M. (Zachary) Prentice, 79, of Waco, Texas, formerly of Benton Harbor died July 13, 2020. Bellmead Funeral Home, Waco, (254) 799-5701.

David S. Sater, 62, of Stevensville died July 16, 2020, at home. Starks & Menchinger Chapel and Cremation Services, St. Joseph, 556-9450.

Evelyn Walker, 79, of Benton Harbor died July 9, 2020, at Select Speciality Hospital, Battle Creek, Mich. Robbins Brothers Funeral Home, Benton Harbor, 927-3181.

Robert E. 'Bob' Hinz

June 15, 1937 – July 15, 2020

Robert E. "Bob" Hinz, 83, of Paw Paw, formerly of St. Joseph passed away Wednesday, July 15, 2020, at Bronson Methodist Hospital in Kalamazoo.

A Celebration of Life Service will be held at 4 p.m. Sunday, July 19, at Starks & Menchinger Chapel, 2650 Niles Road, St. Joseph, with the Rev. Adam Bohland officiating. Graveside Military Rites will be conducted at 10 a.m. Monday at North Shore Memory Gardens by Stevensville American Legion Post 568. Friends may visit with the family from 2-4 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home. Memorial donations in Bob's name may be made to Zion Evangelical United Church of Christ, St. Joseph. Those wishing to sign Bob's memory book online may do so at www.starks-menchinger.com.

Bob was born June 15, 1937, in St. Joseph, to Edward and Josephine (Kamber) Hinz. He graduated from St. Joseph High School, class of 1955, and enrolled in the United States Navy, serving for two years. On July 8, 1961, he married the former Melissa Ann Sundblad in St. Joseph. Bob was retired from Auto Specialties Co. in St. Joseph. Bob was a loving husband, father, grandfather and just a good, hardworking man. He enjoyed walking, watching sports, fishing, flea markets and an occasional instant lottery ticket. He was always willing to help someone in need and truly enjoyed talking in the company of others.

Bob is survived by his wife, Melissa; his children, Julie (Mark) Frazee of St. Joseph, Cheryl Hinz and Robin Hinz, both of Watervliet, and Michael Hinz of Battle Creek; three grandchildren, Dr. Joseph "Joey" (fiancee Kasia Krzycka) Frazee of Indianapolis, Kelly Frazee of Grand Rapids and Levi (Brandi) Hinz of Watervliet; four great-grandchildren; three brothers, David (Mary Ann) Hinz of St. Joseph, Edward F. Hinz Jr. of Tampa, Fla., and John Hinz of Cedar Springs, Mich.; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Judith 'Judy' Ann (Seeley) Bauer

Dec. 8, 1938 – Feb. 29, 2020

Judith "Judy" Ann (Seeley) Bauer, 81, formerly of Three Oaks passed away Saturday, Feb. 29, 2020, after a vigorous battle with cancer.

She was born on Dec. 8, 1938, to the late Helen Marie (Vollman) Seeley and Earl Patrick Seeley. Judy was lovingly married to her late husband, Gordon Paul Bauer, for 35 years. She is survived by her two sons, Michael (Celia) Bauer and James (Jennifer) Bauer; and her four grandchildren: Sara (Eric) Bartel, Alexandra Bauer, Alyssa Bauer and Reid Bauer.

For the past 21 years Judy lived in Sarasota, Fla., where she played an active role as a former president and board member of her condo association. She was an avid golfer who won seven nine-hole golf championship titles and enjoyed her weekly golf and dinner dates with "the gals." Judy was also involved with causes that support cancer research such as "In the Pink."

Prior to moving to Sarasota, Judy lived in Bath, Ohio, for 18 years, raising her two sons and woodworking, quilting and crafting. She was a perfectionist and took great pride in her work, which was often showcased at local craft festivals such as the famous Ohio Mart at Stan Hywet Hall & Gardens.

A reuniting ceremony for Judy and Gordon will take place at 10 a.m. Saturday, July 25, in her hometown of Three Oaks, next to her mother and father in Forest Lawn Cemetery, with Military Honors being accorded to Gordon for his service.

The family prefers contributions in honor of Judy be made to either or both of the following non-profit organizations: In the Pink, 1727 Fruitville Road, Sarasota, FL 34236, and/or Florida Cancer Specialists Foundation, 5989 Silver Falls Road, Suite 210, Lakewood Ranch, FL 34236.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Pobocik Chapel, Wagner Family Funerals, Three Oaks. Please share a memory or a message online: wagnercares.com.

Joyce (Krieger) Griffin

Jan. 20, 1935 – July 13, 2020

Joyce Griffin, 85, of Watervliet went home to be with her Lord and Savior on July 13, 2020.

Joyce was born in Bainbridge Township on Jan. 20, 1935. She graduated from Watervliet High School, Bronson School of Nursing and Central Michigan University (BS in education). During her career, Joyce was a registered nurse, a surgical nurse, the director of nursing at Watervliet Community Hospital, she taught health careers at Watervliet High School, and taught nursing at Southwest Michigan College.

Joyce was the beloved wife of Bill Griffin (married in 1957, having been high school sweethearts). She was preceded in death by her son, Grant Charles Griffin (2017); and her parents, Nelson and Rose Krieger; and brothers and sisters: Adelaide Zimmer, Arlene Lord, Charles Krieger, Norman Krieger and Joan Sinsabaugh.

She is survived by her loving husband, Bill Griffin; their son, Michael Griffin; and grandchildren: Riley Griffin, Sophia Griffin, Jonathan Griffin and Ashley Griffin.

Joyce sincerely enjoyed helping others, having a servant's heart. She delighted in hearing about the successes of her students, who she considered part of her extended family. She loved serving others, whether it was as the director of the Berrien County Red Cross, helping those in need, or spending time with her grandchildren. She enjoyed golf, sailing, shopping (for others) and reading. She was a strong prayer warrior who loved her Savior, Jesus Christ. She was loving, intelligent, sweet, giving, funny and very humble.

A Celebration of Joyce's life will be held at a yet to be determined date. In lieu of flowers, donations in Joyce Griffin's name can be made to Watervliet Public Schools Foundation for Excellence at 450 W. Red Arrow Hwy., Watervliet, MI 49098.

LuWanna Marie Prentice

Aug. 20, 1940 – July 13, 2020

LuWanna Marie Zachary Prentice passed away peacefully on July 13, 2020, after a long hard-fought battle with dementia.

LuWanna was born on Aug. 20, 1940, to Chester and Dorothy Zachary. She was the oldest of six siblings and graduated from Benton Harbor High School. She grew up singing gospel music in church and playing piano and organ. She was a godly woman that taught her children the importance of God and religion in life, encouraging them to use their talents in church as well. Her entire life LuWanna was a social and outgoing person. She enjoyed selling various products such as Tupperware and Mary Kay and was a member of the Amarillo Mothers of Multiples. She enjoyed painting and creating. She loved cooking for her family and was a talented musician who taught herself to play the piano.

LuWanna is survived by children, Mark McLaughlin of Ft. Worth, Texas, Karen McLaughlin Garrett (and husband Ross) of Southlake, Texas, Dawn Prentice of Waco, Texas, and Amy Talbot (and husband Michael) of Waco; her sister, Linda Hill; and brothers, Don Zachary, Rudy Zachary and Bill Zachary, all of Michigan, and Gary Zachary of Houston. She was the proud grandmother of seven: Dusk McLaughlin, Joshua McLaughlin, Brittney Robins (and husband Josh), Colton Garrett, Dee (Sarah) Millsaps, Jessica Millsaps and Zachary Sargeant; and also a great-grandmother to four: Andrew, Elijah, Annabelle and Ezekiel Robins.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Ronald Prentice; her parents, Chester and Dorothy Zachary; and grandson, Matthew McLaughlin.

We would like to thank the nurses and aids at Waco Health and Rehabilitation as well as the nurses from Community Healthcare of Texas for the love and care they provided to our mother. You all are amazing people and we knew that she was loved and cared for by all who met her.

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DO YOU REMEMBER?

1995 – 25 years ago

Jean Klock Park hours will be extended by two hours, from 9 to 11 p.m., on a 30-day trial basis beginning today, city commissioners agreed Monday night.

Parks and Recreation Department Director Larry Featherstone asked for the extension because the park has proved more popular in the evening than in hot daytime hours – especially during the recent hot spell. Commissioners unanimously agreed to the extension, but 2nd Ward Commissioner George Wysinger urged the police department to increase patrols of the park.

1985 – 35 years ago

Over 300 people have applied so far for about 100 jobs at the Wendy's Old Fashioned Hamburgers restaurant opening soon in St. Joseph. The restaurant at the southwest corner of Niles and Gard avenues is tentatively scheduled to open Aug. 29, according to Roger Clapp, who will be the manager.

The restaurant will employ seven people full-time and about 100 classified as part-time, though some of them may work up to 40 hours a week. The St. Joseph Wendy's will be owned by Dick and Bob Fox of Rochester, N.Y., who own 33 Wendy's stores, according to Clapp. They do not own the Wendy's on M-139 in Benton Township.

1970 – 50 years ago

"I'm Just Wild About Harry" naturally is the campaign theme song for Harry Gast, who seeks the Republican nomination for 43rd District State Representative. The theme song was introduced last night at a rally for Gast by the "Gasters" – the teenage quintet of: Terri Irwin, Gibby Springer, Dan Stacey, Carol DiGregorio and Sandi Irvin. Gast, currently Lincoln Township Supervisor, received the endorsement of various civic leaders at the rally.

TODAY IN HISTORY

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Saturday, July 18, the 200th day of 2020. There are 166 days left in the year.

Highlight in history:

On July 18, 2013, Detroit, which was once the very symbol of American industrial might, became the biggest U.S. city to file for bankruptcy, its finances ravaged and its neighborhoods hollowed out by a long, slow decline in population and auto manufacturing.

On this date:

In 1863, during the Civil War, Union troops spearheaded by the 54th Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry, made up of Black soldiers, charged Confederate-held Fort Wagner on Morris Island, S.C. The Confederates were able to repel the Northerners, who suffered heavy losses; the 54th's commander, Col. Robert Gould Shaw, was among those who were killed.

In 1918, South African anti-apartheid leader and president Nelson Mandela was born in the village of Mvezo.

In 1940, the Democratic National Convention at Chicago Stadium nominated President Franklin D. Roosevelt (who was monitoring the proceedings at the White House) for an unprecedented third term in office; earlier in the day, Eleanor Roosevelt spoke to the convention, becoming the first presidential spouse to address such a gathering.

5-Day Forecast for St. Joseph

Today	Tonight	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Partly Cloudy	Chance T-storms	Scattered T-storms	Chance T-storms	Scattered T-storms	Scattered T-storms
91°	74°	86° / 72°	81° / 70°	79° / 71°	81° / 70°

Local Outlook

Today we will see partly cloudy skies with a high temperature of 91°, humidity of 57%. South wind 7 to 14 mph. The heat index for today could reach up to 98°. Expect mostly cloudy skies tonight with a 40% chance of showers and thunderstorms, overnight low of 74°.

Sun and Moon

Sunrise	6:26 a.m.
Sunset	9:17 p.m.
Moonrise	4:14 a.m.
Moonset	7:53 p.m.

New	First	Full	Last
7/20	7/27	8/3	8/11

Local Almanac

Benton Harbor Yesterday

Temperature

High	88°
Low	67°
Normal High	83°
Normal Low	63°
Record High	99° in 2012
Record Low	48° in 2014

Precipitation

Yesterday	0.00"
Month to date	1.42"
Normal for month	2.45"
Year to date	23.50"
Normal Year to date	19.34"

Air Quality

Yesterday	54
Main Offender	Particles

The higher the number, the greater the need for people with respiratory problems to reduce outside activity.

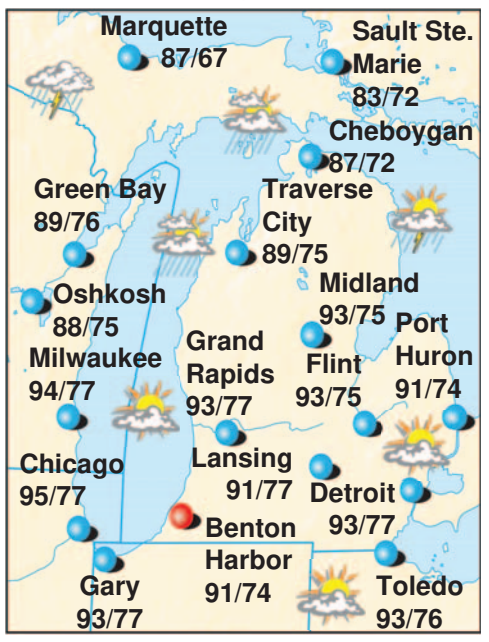
0-50	Good
51-100	Moderate
101-150	Sensitive
151-200	Unhealthy

Weather Trivia

What is the difference between a hurricane and a typhoon?

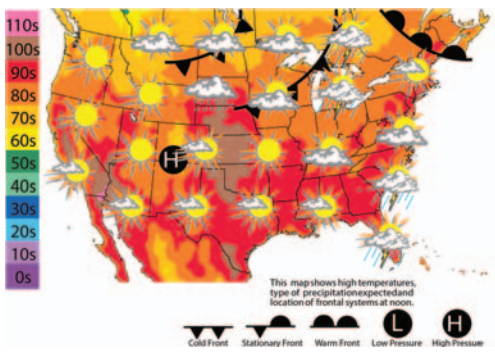
Answer: Location. In the eastern Pacific, a hurricane is called a typhoon.

Regional Map



National Weather Map

Forecast map for July 18, 2020



For latest weather updates: **www.UpdatedWx.com/HP**

Lake Michigan

Today, SSW wind 9 to 11 kt. Waves 1 to 2 ft. Water temperature 75 degrees. Tonight, S wind 11 to 13 kt. A chance of showers and thunderstorms. Waves around 2 ft.

Michigan Forecast

Upper Peninsula

Today, skies will be mostly cloudy with scattered showers and thunderstorms, highs in the 80s. South wind 6 to 11 mph. Expect mostly cloudy skies Sunday with widespread showers, highs in the 70s and 80s. West southwest wind 9 to 14 mph.

Lower Peninsula

Today, skies will be partly cloudy with highs in the 90s. South wind 7 to 14 mph. Expect mostly cloudy skies Sunday with scattered showers and thunderstorms, highs in the 80s and 90s. Southwest wind 8 to 15 mph.

Pentagon bans Confederate flag in way to avoid Trump's wrath

WASHINGTON (AP) — After weeks of wrangling, the Pentagon is banning displays of the Confederate flag on military installations, in a carefully worded policy that doesn't mention the word ban or that specific flag. The policy, laid out in a memo released Friday, was described by officials as a creative way to bar the flag's display without openly contradicting or angering President Donald Trump, who has defended people's rights to display it.

Signed by Defense Secretary Mark Esper on Thursday night, the memo lists the types of flags that may be displayed at military installations. The Confederate flag is not among them – thus barring its display without singling it out in a "ban." Details of the policy were first reported by the AP.

"We must always remain focused on what unifies us, our sworn oath to the Constitution and our shared duty to defend the nation," Esper's memo states. "The flags we fly must accord with the military imperatives of good order and discipline, treating all our people with dignity and respect, and rejecting divisive symbols."

Acceptable flags listed in the memo include the U.S. and state banners, flags of other allies and partners, the widely displayed POW/MIA flag and official military unit flags.

Confederate flags, monuments and military base names have become a national flashpoint in the weeks since the death of George Floyd. Protesters decrying racism have targeted Confederate monuments in multiple cities. Some state officials are considering taking them down, but they face vehement opposition in some areas.

Army Gen. Mark Milley, chair of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said in a statement that the American flag is the symbol of the Constitution that service members swore to protect. He added, "Each of us must create (and) maintain an environment of cohesion across the Joint Force. One way to do that is to always honor our American Flag."

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Joy has been working in the Southwest Michigan area as a Hygienist for the past 25 years. Joy worked for several years as a Dental assistant before becoming a Hygienist. She recently expanded her education by getting her Dental Hygiene anesthesia license at the University of Michigan. Her passion for educating patients on the effects of their oral health to their whole-body health have been instrumental in changing lives and improving smiles. Our Red Arrow Dentistry team and patients are greatly benefiting from her compassion, hard work and enthusiasm in building great relationships with our wonderful community.

Joy joins our established, outstanding Hygiene team with a combined 64 years experience in serving the dental needs of the Michiana community. Their experience and top-notch care combined with our whole-body health philosophy help give our patients unparalleled treatment and care. We partner with Physicians in the community to ensure our patients oral health in conjunction with their whole-body health is upmost priority. We work closely with our patients to prevent inflammatory diseases such as, cancer, heart disease, rheumatoid arthritis, type 2 diabetes, obesity, asthma, and neurodegenerative diseases.

Exciting changes ahead for Red Arrow Dentistry this Spring as we transition with our name change to Lighthouse Dental Group. New year, new look, new name, same caring Dentists, same great team, same local ownership! We are committed to our patients and we wanted our name to reflect our community commitment as well. Our practice philosophy is educating Patients on the direct connection between their oral health to the whole body.

Joy Almeter, Dr. Lisa Christy, Jason Prillwitz, Chad Prillwitz

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hp LOCAL & STATE

VB County Hispanic community hit hard by virus

Berrien County at 'tipping point' as caseload sees continual rise

By ALEXANDRA NEWMAN
HP Staff Writer

HARTFORD — The Hispanic/Latino communities of Van Buren County have been hit disproportionately by COVID-19.

Though Hispanics make up only 11 percent of the population in Van Buren County, as of July 14, they account for more than half (56 percent) of all positive COVID-19 cases, the Van Buren Cass District Health Department (VBCDHD) reported in a news release Friday.

The percentage of overall cases identified as Hispanic/Latino ethnicity in the state is 8 percent.

"In response to the exposed disparity, VBCDHD is employing additional focused strategies to increase prevention awareness, testing availability and accessibility, and connect communities of color to other resources that support basic needs like food and housing," the news release stated.

Public health research has long proven that the conditions in which people live, learn, work and play contribute to their health, according to the release. These conditions, over time, lead to different levels of health risks, needs, and outcomes among some people in racial and ethnic minority groups. Factors such as living conditions, work circumstances, underlying health conditions and lower access to care can impact health outcomes and are often exacerbated during public health emergencies.

The VBCDHD noted that even though nearly 40 percent of COVID-19 positive cases are occurring among primarily white, non-Hispanic individuals, it's important that all community members take the necessary precautions to help prevent transmission of COVID-19 to themselves and others.

"This is truly a prevention effort that requires the collective effort of all," the release said.

The VBCDH recommends physical distancing, whenever possible, wearing a face covering when in public, washing your hands regularly with soap, sanitizing high touch surfaces and if you're sick, stay home.

More hygiene tips for families and workplaces are available on the health department's website, www.vbcassdhd.org/covid-19/.

The VBCDHD also released an updated tally of recovered COVID-19 individuals Friday.

Van Buren County now has 185 people recovered, 257 total cases and eight deaths.

Cass County now has 104 people recovered, 197 total cases and seven deaths.

Van Buren County gained 21 cases in the last week, while Cass gained 32.

Berrien County

Berrien County is up to about 132 active COVID-19

See **VIRUS**, page B2

Photos by Don Campbell / HP staff

U.S. Rep. Fred Upton presents certificates of Special Congressional Recognition to several area businesses for their efforts during the COVID-19 pandemic Friday at the Dwight P. Mitchell City Center Park in downtown Benton Harbor.

Upton honors businesses for 'heroic efforts'

Area businesses recognized for procuring, producing PPE for Southwest Michigan

By TONY WITTKOWSKI
HP Staff Writer

BENTON HARBOR — A bevy of Southwest Michigan businesses came through for residents when the COVID-19 pandemic found its way to the region in mid-March.

As a result, U.S. Rep. Fred Upton honored those organizations Friday after they reworked their business to focus on producing products like hand sanitizer, masks, face shields, gowns, and other medical equipment.

"You always look for a silver lining. As businesses saw a drop in production of their usual product, this was something they could do to provide a real need," Upton said. "We can all be safer for this. At the end of the day that's what we want to do. We're looking for the light at the end of the tunnel. Turns out, progress is happening here in Southwest Michigan."

Upton, R-St. Joseph, presented certificates of Special Congressional Recognition to several local businesses as representatives stood spaced apart from another at Dwight P. Mitchell City Center Park.

On Friday, Upton was wearing a mask – with an American flag design – that he said he had bought from a woman in Niles who had begun making face coverings. He referred to what businesses have done in the past four months as "heroic efforts."

"It reminds me of what occurred during World War II, with the private sector stepping up," he said. "Today, this is meant to be a pat on the back in terms of what you all are doing."

Among the dozen of businesses honored Friday included Eagle Technologies, Lake Michigan College, JR Automation, Competitive Edge, Journeyman Distillery and Whirlpool Corp.

Iron Shoe Distillery in Niles produced its own hand sanitizer after it ceased distillery

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Rob Cleveland, president and CEO of Cornerstone Alliance, talks about the dedication of area businesses during the COVID-19 pandemic at a presentation of certificates of Special Congressional Recognition on Friday in downtown Benton Harbor.

Blueberry crop looking solid despite May freeze

By BECKY KARK
For The Herald-Palladium

SOUTH HAVEN — Despite a hard freeze in May and a week's worth of hot, humid 90-degree weather earlier this month, Michigan's blueberry harvest is expected to be a good one, according to a Southwest Michigan fruit production educator.

"It's looking like a good crop," said Mark Longstroth, small fruit educator for Michigan State University Extension in Paw Paw. "We expect a crop of 85 million pounds.

If the prediction proves true, this year's harvest yield will be nearly identical to last year's, which was 84.9 million pounds.

"Annual production varies quite a bit because both spring freezes and extreme winter cold can reduce the crop," Longstroth said. "In the last 10 years the crop has ranged from 70 to 110 million pounds. The 10-year average is 93 million pounds."

Two weather-related events – the hard freeze in May and the hotter-than-average 90-degree days in early July – had some impact on this year's blueberry crop in Southwest Michigan.

"We had a freeze on May 8 which damaged much of the fruit in Southwest Michigan, but damage to blueberries was spotty," Longstroth said. "Some fields were hurt hard and others not much."

The damage also affected some some blueberry varieties more than others.

"There was no real pattern, but in general, fields closer to Lake Michigan were not damaged as much," Longstroth said. "Michigan's blueberry area is quite large, from the Indiana border to north of Muskegon. A freeze in one area which causes damage may not affect other areas to the north and south. This freeze seemed to affect inland fields more than those within a few miles of Lake Michigan."

Hot steamy temperatures around the July 4 holiday also stressed blueberries somewhat.

"Blueberries do not like it really hot so the heat slowed their growth down," Longstroth noted.

To deal with the extreme temperatures and high humidity, many farmers in Southwest Michigan resorted to irrigating their crop.

"In that heat the plants use about 4.5 gallons of water a day, and a field of blueberries uses a fifth to a quarter-on-an-inch of water a day, almost an inch and a half of water a week," Longstroth said.

Southwest Michigan farmers

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Woman hospitalized since water rescue has died

By JULIE SWIDWA
HP Staff Writer

ST. JOSEPH — A woman who had been hospitalized since being rescued from Lake Michigan on Sunday has died.

St. Joseph Public Safety Director Steve Neubecker said Friday that Danely Lopez, 32, from Illinois, died at Lakeland Medical Center, St. Joseph.

According to police, Lopez and her 29-year-old sister were in the water at Lions Park Beach Sunday afternoon when they got into deep water and began struggling. Several bystanders saw the women in trouble and tried to help them.

Once pulled from the water, the women were taken to the hospital by Medic 1. The 29-year-old sister, whose name police have not released, was treated and released from the hospital.

But the older sister was hospitalized in critical condition. Neubecker said Lopez died Wednesday.

The St. Joseph Department of Public Safety was assisted by the Berrien County Sheriff's Department.

It was a deadly weekend at Lake Michigan beaches. Gusty winds and high waves had prompted officials to post red flags at the beaches, as the National Weather Service issued a Beach Hazards Statement.

In South Haven on Sunday, a man from Lansing disappeared in the water off North Beach and is presumed drowned. Efforts to recover his body are still underway.

Just prior to his disappearance, a man was swept off the North Pier into the Black River Channel and made it to safety after a good Samaritan threw him a life ring from the South Pier.

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BERRIEN COUNTY TRIAL COURT

Sentences

St. Joseph

Assault

Tommy L. Riley, 24, of Villa Court, Benton Harbor, 270 days in jail, credit for 34 days served, and $198 in costs for attempted assault with a dangerous weapon, an assault on a man with a knife, March 4 in Benton Township.

Gabriel Thompson, 45, of Rivers Edge Drive, St. Joseph, 4 days in jail, credit for 4 days served, $1,015 in fines and costs, 40 hours community service and 1 year probation for domestic violence second offense, an assault on a woman, Nov. 16, 2019, in Benton Township.

Brian E. Napier, 48, of East Britain Avenue, Benton Harbor, 5 days in jail, credit for 5 days served, $1,355 in fines and costs, 90 days on SCRAM tether and 2 years probation for domestic violence second offense, an assault on a woman, Dec. 24, 2019, in Stevensville.

Robert D. Johnson, 27, of Columbus Avenue, Benton Harbor, 11 days in jail, credit for 11 days served, $2,318 in fines and costs and 2 years probation for assault with a dangerous weapon, an assault on a woman with a car, May 1 in Benton Township.

Embezzlement

Cheri L. Hoffman, 55, of North Hinchman Road, Baroda, 15 days in jail, credit for 2 days served, $1,438 in fines and costs, $16,133 in restitution, 100 hours community service and two years probation for embezzlement between $1,000 and $20,000 between February and December, 2019, from Cogic Village Apartments while employed there. According to court records, Hoffman directed some tenants to make rent checks payable to her by check or money order, cashed them and kept the money for herself.

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IN BRIEF

Peace march for BH residents set for Sunday

BENTON HARBOR — The Citizens United Against Violence & Disorder Peace March will be at 3 p.m. Sunday, starting at Broadway Park in Benton Harbor.

The focus of the march is for residents to help bring peace to the city, which has been plagued by late night caravans of cars drag racing and playing loud music.

It is sponsored by the Rev. Maurice McAfee of New Bethel Baptist Church, the Rev. Carlton Lynch of Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church, the Rev. Taurus Montgomery of Harbor of Hope Seventh-day Adventist Church, community organizer Trenton Bowens, city Commissioner Sharon Henderson and Benton Harbor Director of Public Safety Dan McGinnis.

Rep. Griffin announces office hours for Monday

Rep. Beth Griffin, R-Mattawan, has announced that she will host a series of in-person office hours on Monday, to be held outdoors.

"Our state and community is still in the middle of a very rough time," said Griffin said, who represents the 66th District. "I look forward to hearing from you as we continue to work through these ongoing challenges."

Griffin will be available on Monday at the following times and locations:

9-10 a.m. at DDA Park, corner of N Phelps and W St. Mary's St. in Decatur;

10:30-11:30 a.m. at Lions Park, Mill Race Road in Bangor;

12-1 p.m. at Augustus Haven Park, W Spring St. in Bloomingdale.

No appointments are necessary. Those unable to attend at the scheduled times but would like an opportunity to talk with Griffin may call her office at (517) 373-0839, or email BethGriffin@house.mi.gov.

Whitmer tweaks mask order; businesses can't assume exception

By DAVID EGGERT
Associated Press

LANSING — Gov. Gretchen Whitmer on Friday tweaked Michigan's tougher order to wear masks in public, clarifying that they are not required while voting and telling businesses they cannot assume people who enter without a face covering are covered by exceptions.

The changes came a week after the Democratic governor updated her mask rule to add a maximum $500 fine and require businesses to refuse entry to those without a face covering.

Businesses may not assume maskless customers are exempt but can "accept a customer's verbal representation that they are not wearing a face covering because they fall within a specified exception," according to the order. That could include being unable to medically tolerate a mask, for instance.

Stores had raised concerns about trying to determine the validity of an exemption.

The order also specifically exempts mask wearing for the purposes of voting at a polling place, though it is "strongly encouraged." The latest measure continues to state that it does not curtail constitutional protections – such as voting – but Whitmer said the change provides clarity. Michigan's primary is Aug. 4.

The governor also tightened an exemption for law enforcement officers, firefighters and paramedics – saying they must wear a mask unless it would "seriously interfere" with their job.

Meegan Holland, spokeswoman for the Michigan Retailers Association, said Whitmer's revision "certainly foists retailers into more of an enforcement role, which we've expressed concern about all along. Sales associates aren't trained and certainly not paid to confront belligerent, and potentially dangerous customers."

She said she expects to see more businesses make a friendly offer of a mask to unmasked patrons "rather than turning it into a confrontation."

The state Department of Civil Rights said businesses must enforce the rule for everyone and can do so while complying with disabilities laws. They can offer to shop for the customer, for instance, or provide a face shield.

Those eating or drinking while seated at a restaurant remain exempt from the requirement to wear a face covering in enclosed public spaces and in crowded outdoor places. So too do people who are exercising, officiating a religious service, communicating with the hearing-impaired, giving a speech or receiving a service for which the temporary removal of a face covering is necessary.

The state on Friday reported 660 new confirmed cases of COVID-19 and seven related deaths, raising Michigan's death toll to 6,355. The Grand Rapids region continued to be the only area deemed as "high risk," with more than 50 cases per million people per day on average.

Michigan's seven-day average of cases has also risen, hitting 682 as of Wednesday, which was up from 384 over the seven days that ended July 2. Meanwhile, deaths and hospitalizations continued to hold steady, according to an Associated Press analysis of data compiled by The COVID Tracking Project.

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cases, up from 74 last Friday.

The county recorded another 26 new cases Friday alone, and over the week is up about 93 new cases.

The Berrien County Health Department (BCHD) wrote on its Facebook page Friday after that many of the new cases this week have been linked to large gatherings, family parties, and group get-togethers, along with some new cases in nursing homes.

Berrien County has recorded 717 recoveries, about 33 more than last Friday. The week before, the county had about 50 new recoveries.

The county is still at 60 deaths.

Spectrum Health Lakeland was treating 11 COVID-19 patients as of Friday morning, up from six on Thursday and eight last Friday.

In addition Friday, the BCHD reported that testing turn-around times have slowed due to limited laboratory capacity.

"It is important that if you get tested, you isolate/quarantine at home until you get your lab result, especially if you're feeling sick," the health department wrote on its Facebook page. "We're at a tipping point in our fight against this virus. Berrien County, we urge you to keep up with wearing your mask, washing your hands and watching your distance."

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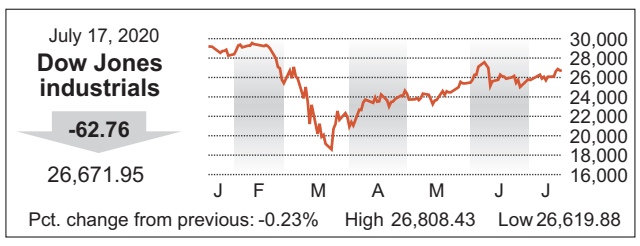

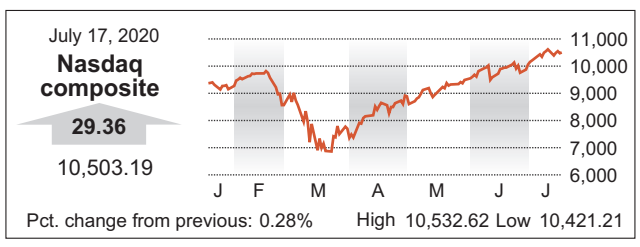

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LocalStocks

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AT&T Inc	T	26.08	39.70	30.25	-.14	-0.5	▲	▼	▲
AEP	AEP	65.14	104.97	87.51	+2.42	+2.8	▲	▲	▲
Apple Inc	AAPL	192.58	399.82	385.31	-.78	-0.2	▲	▲	▲
AutoZone	AZO	684.91	1274.41	1157.30	+7.98	+0.7	▲	▲	▲
BP PLC	BP	15.51	41.08	23.25	-.47	-2.0	▲	▼	▼
CMS Eng	CMS	46.03	69.12	61.76	+1.43	+2.4	▲	▲	▲
CocaCola	KO	36.27	60.07	46.82	+.67	+1.5	▲	▲	▲
Comcast	CMCSA	31.71	47.74	42.18	+.04	+0.1	▲	▲	▲
Deere	DE	106.14	180.48	176.51	+3.09	+1.8	▲	▲	▲
Disney	DIS	79.07	153.41	118.65	-.78	-0.7	▼	▲	▲
DollarTree	DLTR	60.20	119.71	95.46	-1.17	-1.2	▲	▲	▲
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FifthThird	FITB	11.10	31.64	18.76	-.40	-2.1	▲	▼	▼
1stSource	SRCE	26.07	53.42	34.22	-1.07	-3.0	▲	▼	▼
FordM	F	3.96	10.56	6.80	-.06	-0.9	▲	▲	▲
GenElec	GE	5.48	13.26	7.07	+.02	+0.3	▲	▼	▲
HomeDp	HD	140.63	261.29	260.38	+2.30	+0.9	▲	▲	▲
HorizBcp	HBNC	7.42	19.48	9.71	-.24	-2.4	▲	▼	▼
HuntBncsh	HBAN	6.82	15.63	8.92	-.15	-1.7	▲	▼	▼
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McDnlds	MCD	124.23	221.93	191.48	+.56	+0.3	▲	▲	▲
Microsoft	MSFT	130.78	216.38	202.88	-1.04	-0.5	▼	▲	▼
MillerHer	MLHR	14.39	49.88	23.05	-.14	-0.6	▲	▼	▼
Perrigo	PRGO	40.01	63.86	58.54	+.72	+1.2	▲	▲	▲
Pfizer	PFE	27.88	43.23	36.25	+.65	+1.8	▲	▲	▲
ProctGam	PG	94.34	128.09	125.63	+.87	+0.7	▲	▲	▲
RepubSvc	RSG	65.37	100.91	86.98	+2.38	+2.8	▲	▲	▲
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TCF Finl	TCF	16.96	47.46	27.70	-1.01	-3.5	▲	▼	▼
Target	TGT	80.03	130.24	121.67	-.28	-0.2	▲	▲	▲
TractSupp	TSCO	63.89	142.58	140.77	-1.38	-1.0	▲	▲	▲
UPS B	UPS	82.00	125.31	118.55	-1.19	-1.0	▲	▲	▲
VerizonCm	VZ	48.84	62.22	56.30	+.52	+0.9	▲	▲	▲
WEC Engy	WEC	68.01	109.53	90.53	+2.77	+3.2	▲	▲	▲
WalMart	WMT	102.00	134.13	131.74	-.46	-0.3	▲	▲	▲
WalgBoots	WBA	36.65	64.50	41.42	+.07	+0.2	▲	▼	▼
Wendys Co	WEN	6.82	24.04	22.41	+.18	+0.8	▲	▲	▲
Whrlpl	WHR	64.00	163.64	142.56	-1.75	-1.2	▲	▲	▲
Worthgtn	WOR	19.28	44.69	37.00	-.19	-0.5	▲	▲	▼
XPO Logis	XPO	38.47	100.18	81.53	+1.36	+1.7	▲	▲	▲

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grow a variety of blueberries, mainly Rubel, Jersey, Bluecrop, Elliott and Duke.

"Growers are also planting many new varieties to see which ones do best on their farms," Longstroth said. "Michigan State University released Calypso, Draper, Liberty and Aurora. Other new varieties include Legacy, Sensation, Last Call, Keepsake and Cargo."

During the harvest season, which begins in early July and can last into September, each variety is picked several times because the fruit does not ripen all at once.

"There are usually three to five pickings and harvest lasts two to three weeks for each variety and the varieties overlap," Longstroth explained. "Duke, Bluetta, Bluejay, Blueray and Draper are popular early varieties in early July. By mid-July Bluecrop dominates the market. Bluecrop produces a lot of big firm berries. Jersey starts in late July and goes deep into August. It is an old variety, so the fruit is small but many people like the flavor and wait for that season to get their berries. Elliott is the last variety to harvest in late August into September."

Which variety of berry is most desirable to consumers depends on their palate.

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operations. A representative from the distillery said they had some people drive from four hours away to pick up 5-gallon buckets and 8-ounce bottles.

Cornerstone Alliance President Rob Cleveland said the personal protective equipment businesses helped secure was pivotal to reopening this part of the state.

"Each and every one of your companies here today is responsible for getting Berrien County workers and residents back to work safely, and quicker," Cleveland said. "You've either manufactured PPE, or you've been able to procure PPE for the companies and residents in our community. What I think is important is the diversity in the PPE that's here with us today."

Don Campbell / HP staff

Barry Adams, owner of ADAMS & Son Heating & Cooling, was among area business leaders who received certificates of Special Congressional Recognition on Friday for their efforts during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Arthur Havlicek, president and CEO of the Southwest Michigan Regional Chamber, commended the businesses acting without being asked to do so.

"You hear the term corporate citizens a lot these days and it showed in Southwest Michigan that we have a lot of corporate citizens," Havlicek said. "They've stepped up to keep employees, consumers and front-liners safe with the equipment they need. They deserve the recognition for doing that."

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Larceny/fraud

Patricia L. Johnson, 65, of Paw Paw Avenue, Coloma, 1 day in jail, credit for 1 day served, $2,558 in fines and costs, $39,788 in restitution and 5 years probation for welfare fraud more than $500 between Jan. 1, 2012, and Dec. 31, 2018, in Benton Harbor. Johnson failed to provide complete information regarding income while receiving benefits, according to court records.

Omar Huerta-Hernandez, 23, of South Whitaker Street, New Buffalo, 2 concurrent terms of 155 days in jail, credit for 155 days served, $1,146 in fines and costs and 2 years probation for larceny in a building and stealing/retaining without consent a financial transaction device Oct. 19, 2019, in New Buffalo.

Drugs

Brandon L. Booker, 26, of Vincent Street, Benton Harbor, 3-20 years in prison, credit for 8 days served, and $198 in costs for delivery/manufacture of methamphetamine between May 3 and June 5, 2018, in Benton Harbor.

Donnie L. Stamp, 41, of East State Street, Cassopolis, 50 days in jail, credit for 50 days served, and $198 in costs for use of a controlled substance, methamphetamine, second offense Feb. 26 in Watervliet Township.

Willie B. Peete Jr., 39, of Thurgood Street, Benton Harbor, 16 months to 20 years in prison, credit for 9 days served, and $198 in costs for delivery/manufacture of narcotics, less than 50 grams cocaine, Aug. 30, 2019, in Benton Township.

Other

Curtis D. Dawson Jr., 23, of East Britain Avenue, Benton Harbor, 2 concurrent terms of 90 days in jail, credit for 2 days served, $1,958 in fines and costs, $3,537 in restitution, 40 hours community service, 3 years probation and completion of the Kalamazoo Probation Enhancement Program for second-degree fleeing police and attempted second-degree child abuse Aug. 2, 2019, in St. Joseph Township.

Dalonte D. Carter, 23, of East Empire Avenue, Benton Harbor, 90 days in jail, credit for 10 days served, $2,318 in fines and costs, 2 years probation and completion of the Kalamazoo Probation Enhancement Program for interfering with an electronic communication device, a woman's phone, Oct. 28, 2019 in Benton Township.

Niles

Brandon A. Goode, 29, of Arthur, Neb., 2-20 years in prison, credit for 6 days served, and $318 in costs for conspiracy to delivery/manufacture methamphetamine Feb. 21, 2019, in Berrien Township.

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New FICO index measures your 'resilience'

Michelle Singletary

You've been a good credit card customer, faithfully paying off your bill every month. And you're careful to use very little of your available credit.

But then your lender sends a letter informing you that your credit limit has been significantly reduced.

This happened recently to a reader in Pelham, New Hampshire. Her credit card company was cutting her credit limit almost in half to $7,700. The reason: "We saw that you spend far below your available credit limit," the issuer wrote to the cardholder.

Many consumers are getting similar notices as lenders seek to reduce their credit portfolio risk as a result of the economic fallout from the coronavirus pandemic. And it's not without reason.

After going through their savings, many people suffering a job loss or reduced income turn to their credit cards to make ends meet. At some point, keeping up even with minimum monthly payments proves too much, and they end up falling behind. This can even happen to people who have previously paid their bills in full, resulting in losses for lenders.

So, during economic downturns, credit issuers often cut credit limits or even cancel cards with little or no warning. This can be true even for consumers with excellent credit scores. Under the FICO credit scoring model, scores range from 300 to 850. The higher your score, the better. Subprime borrowers, whose credit scores range roughly from 580 to the low 600s, are considered to be at a higher risk of defaulting on their debts.

In October 2008, during the Great Recession, a Federal Reserve loan survey on bank lending practices found that 20 percent of lenders cut credit lines for customers with prime credit scores, and 60 percent reduced credit lines for subprime cardholders.

"Banks are once again very nervous about the state of the economy and the job market and they're pulling back on their risk exposure," said Ted Rossman, an industry analyst at CreditCards.com.

FICO, the company behind the most-used credit score, recently launched a new product to help lenders figure out which consumers are likely to be financially resilient during an economic crisis. FICO's "Resilience Index" allows financial institutions to continue lending to consumers who might otherwise be cut off from credit or be offered higher-priced loans.

The index has been 10 years in the making, according to Jim Wehmann, executive vice president of FICO Scores.

"We now can predict which consumers are best positioned to withstand a downturn and which ones are not so well positioned," Wehmann said in an interview. "The FICO resilience index can allow lenders to keep credit flowing to even low FICO scorers and below-average FICO scorers who we can identify for the very first time that they are resilient."

The resilience index score ranges from 1 to 99. In contrast to FICO's credit scoring model, a low score on this index is better. Consumers with scores in the 1 to 44 range are viewed as the most prepared to weather an economic shift, Wehmann said.

Consumers with a higher resilience index tend to have longer credit histories, fewer active accounts, and less frequent credit inquiries. High-scoring consumers also have lower revolving credit card balances.

Credit scoring models examine your credit utilization for each active account and, separately, your usage of all of your credit cards together. Thirty percent of your credit score is made up of your credit utilization, meaning what percentage of your available credit is being used. One study by FICO found that cardholders with scores above 795 use, on average, 7 percent of their credit limit.

Although this product is intended for use by lenders, insight into how it works can help consumers improve their credit scores, Rossman said.

For example, let's say two consumers each have a FICO score of 680. That's a good-but-not-excellent score. Rather than treat both of these consumers the same, the resilience index would dig a little deeper into their credit profiles looking for certain patterns, such as credit utilization.

So, one consumer may have a high credit utilization of 70 percent. But the second consumer only uses about 10 percent of his or her available credit limit, resulting in a much lower resilience index score. Somebody who's maxing out a card is less likely to be resilient in a downturn.

This new tool could be most useful for people on the verge of being denied credit or having their credit limit reduced, Rossman said.

"It's not a replacement for the traditional credit score," he said. "It's something that's going to be used really as more of a tiebreaker. When the economy takes a turn for the worse, when unemployment goes up, the knee jerk reaction from lenders is just to clamp down on credit. Instead of that kind of slash and burn approach, they can be more surgical so they can actually separate people out a little bit better."

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Ask the Fool

Long-term Loss

Q I recently read that shares of Cisco Systems have still not recovered from their drop when the dot-com bubble burst in 2000. Is that true? And if it is, how can I avoid investing in a company like that? — *P.T., Paramus, New Jersey*

A First off, understand that Cisco Systems isn't necessarily a bad company or bad investment. The problem was the bubble — people continued to buy shares of increasingly overpriced stocks, sending their prices up further, until the bubble burst. While many of those companies flamed out, others were solid and kept growing.

It is indeed true that, 20 years later, Cisco's market value remains lower than it was before the bubble burst. That's true of other solid companies, too, such as Intel. It took Microsoft and Oracle much more than a decade to surpass their pre-crash highs.

To avoid ending up with a loss that won't be overcome for 20 years, pay attention to valuation when you buy a stock. You should buy high-quality companies, but not at any price. Aim to buy stocks that seem undervalued — perhaps with their price-to-earnings (P/E) ratios significantly lower than their five-year average P/Es, or with price-to-sales ratios significantly lower than those of their peers. You can also ask yourself whether their market value seems reasonable.

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Q What are capital gains? — *L.D., Eugene, Oregon*

A If you own and sell an asset such as a stock, the increase in value over the purchase price is your capital gain. If you sell for a loss, you've got a capital loss. Your gain or loss on an investment before you sell it is an "unrealized," or "paper," gain or loss.

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Fool's School

How Fast Is That Growing?

To be a successful, active investor, you'll need to do some math — such as when you want to calculate how rapidly a company's revenue is growing. Fortunately, it's not rocket science.

Imagine that Scruffy's Chicken Shack (ticker: BUKBUK) had revenue of $6 billion in 2016 and $15 billion in 2019. You could figure out that growth rate with a fancy calculator, but here's how to do it on your own:

Divide $15 billion by $6 billion, and you'll get 2.5, meaning that revenue multiplied by 2.5 over that period. You might think that's a 250% gain, but it's not. (Remember that when something doubles, it increases by 100%, not 200%.) To arrive at the correct percentage, take the growth multiple of 2.5, subtract 1.0, multiply by 100, and tack on a percentage sign. Voila — you'll get 150%. So revenue grew by a total of 150% between 2016 and 2019.

You could also have taken the $15 billion and subtracted the $6 billion, getting $9 billion in growth. Then divide the $9 billion by $6 billion, and you'll get 1.5. Multiply that by 100, tack on a percentage sign and you have the same result — 150%.

If you can handle some trickier math and you have a computer or decent calculator, here's how to annualize the growth rate (to see how much Scruffy's revenue grew, on average, each year). Start by determining the time period: In our example, from 2016 to 2019 is three years, so you'll need to raise the growth multiple of 2.5 to the 1/3 power, perhaps by punching in 2.5 ^ 1/3 or 2.5 ^ 0.333. That will give you a result of 1.36, reflecting a 36% annualized growth rate. (If the time period had been 10 years, you'd raise the multiple to the 1/10, or 0.1 power; if it had been two years, you'd use 1/2, or 0.5.)

Don't let the math scare you. If you really want to learn it, you can, but you can still succeed without it.

My Dumbest Investment

Bad Stock Tip

My dumbest investment was listening to the son of a hedge fund manager, who offered a stock tip. That position is currently down 70%. Luckily, it's a small position. — *D.F., online*

The Fool Responds: It's natural to be interested in finding extremely promising investments and to keep our ears open for good ideas. But don't act on any stock tip without doing your own research first. Remember that in most cases, you won't know the track record of the person recommending a stock; it could be that only 40% of his recommendations have worked out well. (That might be fine for him, if they perform so well that they more than make up for the other 60% of losses.)

Hedge fund managers may seem like good people to get investment ideas from, but many hedge funds don't perform all that well, despite often charging shareholders very steep fees. Indeed, at the end of 2017, super-investor Warren Buffett famously won a 10-year bet against a hedge fund manager: that the S&P 500 would outperform the manager's handpicked group of hedge funds.

For best results, do your own digging into companies of interest, checking out how healthy they are (in terms of cash vs. debt), how quickly they're growing, what their sustainable competitive advantages are, what risks they face and how attractively they're priced. Diversify your holdings, too, by putting your eggs into multiple baskets.

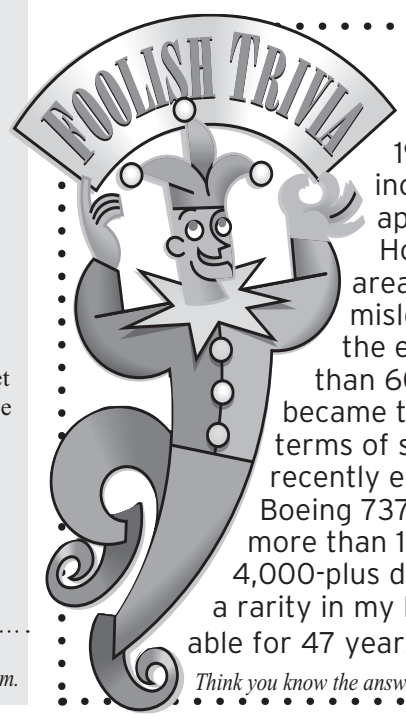
The Motley Fool Take

Oily Technology

The COVID-19 pandemic has hit the oil industry hard. It's going to take a long time for oil to recover, and some think it may never fully bounce back. Yet investors can still profit. Oil and natural gas remain the fuels that power much of global transportation, feeding manufacturing and electricity delivery. Renewables are becoming more important and will eventually displace hydrocarbons, but that's likely to take decades. In the meantime, consider Core Laboratories (NYSE:CLB).

Core Laboratories is a major oilfield services provider, but it's not the typical pick-and-shovel contractor with expensive equipment to maintain even when nobody's hiring. It uses proprietary technology to analyze oil and gas wells to help producers maximize every dollar they spend developing those resources. That business model can help it ride out even this brutal downturn, and the services it provides are critically important to producers when they start drilling again.

With shares having fallen more than 80% over the past three years, Core Laboratories seems very undervalued. It aims to pay out a large portion of its free cash in dividends during healthy parts of the market cycle. That dividend was recently dropped to a penny per quarter, but when business picks up, investors can likely count on a nice dividend stream from the company. (The Motley Fool has recommended Core Laboratories.)



Name That Company

I trace my roots back to 1967, when my founders incorporated me and then applied to serve the Dallas, Houston and San Antonio areas. In 1971, I got my (now misleading) current name. At the end of 2019, I employed more than 60,000 people, and I recently became the world's largest airline (in terms of scheduled seats). My fleet recently encompassed more than 700 Boeing 737s and, pre-pandemic, served more than 100 destinations — with 4,000-plus departures each weekday. I'm a rarity in my business, as I've been profitable for 47 years in a row. Who am I?

Think you know the answer? We'll announce it in next week's edition.

LAST WEEK'S TRIVIA ANSWER

I trace my roots back to 1979, when the Auto Shack store opened in Forrest City, Arkansas. I got my current name in 1987, and debuted on the New York Stock Exchange in 1991. (My shares have risen in value more than 150-fold since then.) Today, based in Memphis, Tennessee, and with a market value recently near $27 billion, I'm a premier retailer and distributor of automotive replacement parts and vehicular accessories. I boast more than 6,000 stores in the U.S., Mexico and Brazil, and I employ more than 85,000 workers on four continents. Who am I? (Answer: AutoZone)

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Probate workarounds can save heirs time, money

Liz Weston

A reader recently reached out after his elderly mother died, asking how soon he could distribute the $10,000 she had earmarked in her will for each of her two grandchildren.

Because she lived in California, I had to break the bad news: He won't be able to hand over the money any time soon.

Probate is the court process to distribute someone's estate after their death, even if there is a will, and is notoriously slow in California. A typical probate takes nine to 12 months, and court shutdowns related to COVID-19 mean the wait could be longer. Probate is also expensive in California: By law, an attorney could charge $11,000 in fees to handle the woman's $400,000 estate.

Probate tends to be less onerous in most other states, but the process still costs money and delays when beneficiaries can receive their inheritance.

Avoiding probate, however, also requires time or money and sometimes both. If you're trying to decide whether to make the investment to spare your heirs the expense and hassle of probate, here's what to keep in mind:

When probate makes sense

If you die with a lot of debt, probate can help by limiting the amount of time creditors have to make claims against your estate, says attorney Betsy Simmons Hannibal, a writer and editor at self-help legal site Nolo. If there isn't enough to pay all your creditors, the probate court decides how much each creditor gets. Without probate, creditors may surface after your assets have been distributed and sue your heirs or the person who divided up your estate, she says.

Probate also provides court supervision, which can be helpful if you worry your wishes won't be carried out. Your will and the details of your estate are made public, which is bad for the publicity-shy but also for greedy or contentious heirs who might otherwise disregard your will. All the assets, debts and costs paid by the estate have to be disclosed, and the court has to approve the distributions to beneficiaries.

"There's going to be much more oversight, which can be useful in some situations," Hannibal says.

Some probate alternatives

States have simplified probate for smaller estates, which can reduce how long probate takes and its cost. What's considered "small," though, varies by state. In Delaware, it's estates worth no more than $30,000. In Oregon, it's estates $275,000 or less. (Nolo's article " Small estate probate shortcuts " has links to each state's rules.)

Those limits don't include assets that can go directly to heirs, such as jointly held property and accounts that have a beneficiary. Retirement funds and life insurance usually require you to name a beneficiary, and you can also name beneficiaries for bank and brokerage accounts. (You need to name specific people or organizations, however. If you name your estate as your beneficiary, the assets typically must go through probate.)

Many states have "transfer on death" deeds for real estate, and some allow people to register their cars with a form that names a beneficiary. Both methods allow a property transfer without probate.

The other way to avoid probate

You may not be able to divide your estate the way you want to simply by using beneficiary designations and "transfer on death" forms. Or you may want a more comprehensive solution, especially if you have a lot of assets or complicated finances.

Living trusts are the other way to avoid probate. Living trusts are legal documents that, like wills, allow you to detail how you want your property divided and who should care for any minor children. Unlike wills, living trusts take effect while you're still alive. Once a living trust is created, you must transfer ownership of your property to the trust, which requires changing titles and deeds, to avoid probate. These trusts are revocable – you can change them at any time. You will be the trustee, so you continue to have control over your property, and you'll name a successor trustee or trustees to take over if you become incapacitated or die.

Living trusts typically aren't cheap to create, however. Lawyers usually charge $1,000 to $2,500, Hannibal notes.

You can create a living trust without an attorney using software or do-it-yourself legal sites, but consider consulting one if you have a large estate or foresee problems such as spendthrift heirs or people who might challenge your estate plan.

"If that's your situation, your best bet is to go to a lawyer and say, 'I anticipate trouble. How can you help me?'" Hannibal says.

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hp BUSINESS

High Profile dispensary opens in Buchanan

By HP STAFF

BUCHANAN — C3 Industries has opened a marijuana dispensary, dubbed High Profile, in Buchanan.

The dispensary – which is licensed for recreational sales – opened July 15 at 804 E. Front St. This is the fourth in a series of High Profile provisioning centers that C3 Industries is slated to open in Michigan over the next two years.

The Buchanan High Profile store will carry a broad selection products, including flower, edibles, vaporizers, concentrates, topicals and tinctures from C3's cultivation and manufacturing facility in Webberville, Mich.

The dispensary will be open 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., seven days a week and anticipates drawing customers from Berrien, Cass and Van Buren counties, as well as Northern Indiana. Customers will be able to visit the showroom, and curbside pickup is available.

"We continue to see strong interest in our product offering, including for our award-winning Cloud Cover flower and concentrate lines," C3 Industries CEO Ankur Rungta said in a news release. "We believe Buchanan is an ideal location to deliver our ... products."

Buchanan is the second High Profile store to open in West Michigan in the past 60 days, with the first location being in Grant, which is just north of Grand Rapids. That dispensary opened in mid-May.

The Grant and Buchanan High Profile dispensaries are hiring sales associates and bud tenders.

Those interested should visit https://c3industries.breezy.hr/. C3 Industries employs nearly 100 people in Michigan between its cultivation center and four dispensaries.

Cycle shortage

Sales boom, factory shutdowns leave bikes in short supply

By EMILY BRIGHT
Minnesota Public Radio News

Photos by Christine T. Nguyen / Minnesota Public Radio via AP

Alicia Vin Zant of Seven Spokes Bike Shop repairs brakes at her store in St. Paul, Minn., on July 1. Inventory has been low in bike shops as demand for new bikes has increased due to COVID-19.

ST. PAUL, Minn. — Sonya Lewis has big plans for when her older son comes to visit.

"We'll have all of our bikes and we're going to go on, like, a huge family trek. And I'm super excited about that," she said.

Heading into 2020, Lewis, who lives in Plymouth, Minnesota, hadn't owned a bike in years. But when the pandemic closed gyms and so many other parts of daily life, she started looking for a way to get outside and exercise with her two sons who still live at home.

So, she began searching for bicycles.

She told Minnesota Public Radio News she tried several stores "and could not find not one single, solitary bike. I went to, like, several Targets, several Walmarts, whatever. And I wasn't really looking for anything extra-expensive; it was just more for recreation."

Lewis wasn't alone.

Since the start of the pandemic, there's been an international boom in bike sales as people seek an alternative to public transit or the gym – or simply a way to get out of the house while maintaining social distance.

Lewis eventually found bikes, helmets and bike locks for herself and her middle son through a Twin Cities program called Bikes 4 Essential Workers.

It sprang up in part to give essential workers a way to get to their jobs. Organizers of that program say demand for bicycles far outstrips supply.

It's the same story at bike stores across Minnesota. At Seven Spokes Bike Shop in St Paul, owner Alicia Vin Zant estimated her sales have doubled compared to last summer.

Earlier this year, her stock of bikes started running low. She recounted thinking, "OK, I'll just order bikes back, order back-order, back-order. Oh, this is becoming a problem. Like, well, if I can't sell bikes, it's not the end of the world. I can still fix bikes. And that's OK. Well, now at the point where I can't get parts now."

Those parts are needed as Vin Zant said she's seen customers dusting off 20-year-old bicycles in their garages and bringing them in for long-overdue tune-ups.

On top of the high demand for bicycles and parts, both are in short supply.

Rich Tauer is president of Quality Bicycle Products. It's headquartered in Bloomington, but it manufactures and distributes bike parts worldwide.

Tauer said bicycle sales initially dropped off when the pandemic hit, then sprang back big time starting in late March as bike shops were deemed essential. So demand was up, but "the supply chain doesn't react that quickly," Tauer said.

"So the amount of inventory that was either in stock or on order to come during this time is, generally speaking, what's available. I mean, you can boost it a little bit, but it takes a long time to boost it a lot," Tauer said. "And whether it be bicycles or bicycle parts like tires or chains, those things are just slowly starting to run out at this point."

The challenge is that many of the world's bicycle parts are made in Asia – largely in China. Many of those factories lost about two months' production and shipping time at the start of the year due to the coronavirus. Minnesota shops are feeling that shortage now.

Those factories are up and running now, Tauer said, but they need raw materials to make those tires and frames. He predicts supply will be playing catch-up through the fall, if not longer.

Alicia Vin Zant of Seven Spokes Bike Shop tunes up a bike at her store. Vin Zant has estimated her sales have doubled compared to last summer.

But new bicycles are still trickling in.

Charles Cowan, the general manager for Behind Bars Bike Shop and Michael's Cycles in Minneapolis, Prior Lake and Chaska, said the dozen or so bikes his three stores get weekly are selling out within days, usually still in the box. Both the demand and supply issues in the bicycle business present a challenge for bike shop owners as they look to the fall and ordering for next year. As Cowan looks to the future, he's also thinking about the potential for many more cyclists on the streets and bike trails of Minnesota for years to come.

"What I really hope is that all these people that bought these bikes actually fall back in love with biking, and start to pass it on (so that) more people continue a healthy lifestyle," he said.

That's how it's been so far for Sonya Lewis.

Lewis said that when she got on her new bike, she felt like a kid again, tooling around the neighborhood with her friends. Now, she hopes to make new family memories, especially with her youngest son.

"I want him to be able to look back into it. But I think a back can have memory of him and his mom doing something together, like to see his mom active, to see his mom on a bike."

What's the difference between marketing and sales?

It's common to hear "marketing" and "sales" used interchangeably.

In reality, they each have distinct characteristics. Startup entrepreneurs need to know the difference, so they can approach each with purpose while embracing how they need to work symbiotically to achieve success.

Marketing vs. sales

To put it simply, marketing encompasses everything you do to reach and engage prospects.

Marketing is typically a media-driven function. It involves the use of print, online, and word-of-mouth communications to drive brand, product, and service awareness.

Marketing-related activities may include:

- Conducting market research to determine needs within your target market.
- Setting standard pricing for products and services.
- Raising awareness of your company and its products and services within your target markets using various media and platforms.
- Creating collateral and communications to support your salespeople in their efforts.

Sales encompasses everything you do to seal the deal with the customer.

Sales is typically a people-driven function. It involves human-to-human connections to build and nurture relationships.

Sales-related activities may include:

- One-on-one, face-to-face interaction with prospects and customers.
- Careful evaluation of specific customers' needs.
- Solutions-selling to meet specific customers' needs.
- Proposing special pricing when situations require straying from standard pricing.
- Asking for the sale and getting a contract signed.
- Follow up phone calls and email messages to keep the lines of communication open.

Blurred lines

Realize that while marketing and sales have distinct characteristics, the lines between them have become blurred to a large degree with the advent of social media.

In the past, sales professionals were primarily accountable for establishing and maintaining relationships with prospects and customers.

But now, that responsibility also falls on the shoulders of marketers using channels such as Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Google Plus and others.

Whether you are personally responsible for your small business's marketing and sales or if you have employees performing the functions, you need a strategy to ensure your efforts are aligned.

If you need guidance in how to make your marketing and sales activities complement each other so you can build and grow your company, contact your local chapter of SCORE.

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IN BRIEF

Mnuchin: U.S. should weigh forgiving 'small' PPP loans

The federal government should weigh forgiving all "small" loans provided under the Paycheck Protection Program during the coronavirus pandemic, U.S. Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin said.

"We should consider forgiving all small loans, but would need fraud protection," Mnuchin told the House Small Business Subcommittee on Friday.

The government has approved more than 4.9 million PPP loans totaling $518.1 billion, as of Thursday night. Mnuchin didn't specify what he considers a "small" loan that could be forgiven.

A coalition of almost 150 groups sent a letter July 9 to legislative leaders calling for all PPP loans of less than $150,000 to automatically become grants, instead of requiring those owners to complete the complicated loan-forgiveness process – saying it will save more than $7 billion and hours of paperwork.

The PPP allows loans of as much as $10 million that can become grants if borrowers spend most of the proceeds on payroll costs. Recipients apply to have loans forgiven, and must show they maintained headcount and salaries, or the amount forgiven is reduced.

Small-business advocates have complained that the application is too long and the process too complicated, especially for the smallest businesses.

– Bloomberg News

Wall Street ticks up; S&P 500 nets third straight weekly gain

NEW YORK (AP) — Wall Street ticked higher Friday to close out its third straight winning week, one punctuated by hopes that the economy can continue to steady itself despite the pandemic.

The S&P 500 rose 9.16 points, or 0.3 percent, to 3,224.73 after yet another day of wobbly trading. The Dow Jones Industrial Average slipped 62.76, or 0.2 percent, to 26,671.95, while the Nasdaq composite added 29.36, or 0.3 percent, to 10,503.19. Most stocks across the market rose.

Trading was muted across other markets, too, with stocks overseas, oil and gold making relatively modest moves. Even China's market held steady: Stocks in Shanghai inched up 0.1 percent following a run earlier this month where their average daily move was more than 2 percent.

Friday's meandering trading came after reports showed a strengthening in U.S. home building activity but also a weakening in consumer sentiment. They're the latest in a stream of data that has shown how uncertain the path is for the economy, as the continuing rise in coronavirus counts threatens to undo improvements that seemed to have taken root in the economy.

"The market just continues to try and get its finger on the pulse," said James McCann, senior global economist at Aberdeen Standard Investments.

BUSINESS PEOPLE

Honor names community assistant vice president

BERRIEN SPRINGS — Honor Credit Union hired Georgia Gipson as community assistant vice president for the Benton Harbor, St. Joseph, Bridgman and Stevensville areas.

Originally from Middlesboro, Kentucky, Gipson has lived in Bridgman for the last 38 years.

With over 30 years of experience in the financial industry, Gipson has held several positions, including branch manager and mortgage and consumer loan originator, and has experience with foreign exchange and administrative functions.

Gipson is passionate about volunteering, traveling and her faith, and enjoys spending time with her rescue cat, two children and granddaughter.

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- 4 BR, 3 full baths, main floor laundry
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LARGE LOT

#20015863 - St. Joseph
- VACANT LOT
- Industrial/Commercial lot in St. Joseph Twp
- Nearly ONE ACRE
- Just off Hollywood Rd close to I-94
- Great corner location with high visibility
- $69,000
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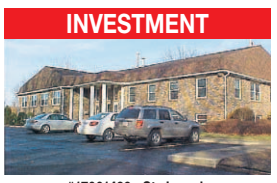

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- Benton Township
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LEGALS

CITY OF BENTON HARBOR NOTICE OF PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST

A Public Accuracy Test for the purpose of testing the accuracy of the tabulating equipment and programs which will be used to tabulate voted ballots for the August 4, 2020 Primary Election in the CITY OF BENTON HARBOR, County of Berrien will be conducted at the following time and location:
10:00 a.m. Thursday, July 23, 2020

Benton Harbor City Hall
200 E. Wall Street
Benton Harbor, MI 49022

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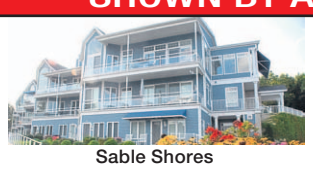

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- Vaulted Ceilings
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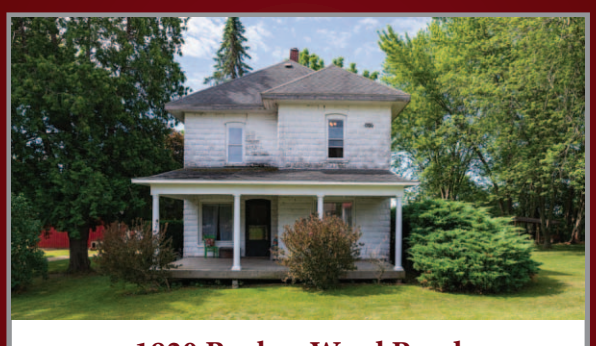

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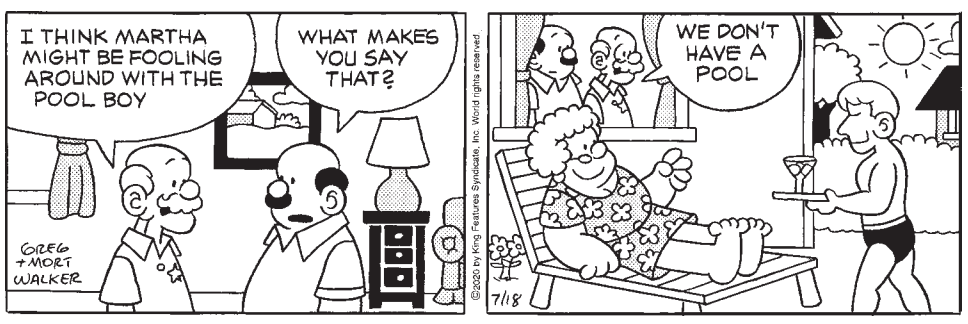
I THINK MARTHA MIGHT BE FOOLING AROUND WITH THE POOL BOY
WHAT MAKES YOU SAY THAT?
GREG + MORT WALKER
WE DON'T HAVE A POOL
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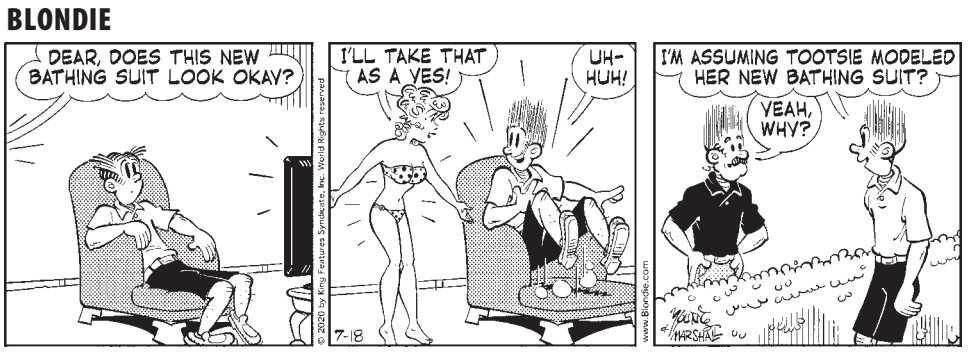
DEAR, DOES THIS NEW BATHING SUIT LOOK OKAY?
I'LL TAKE THAT AS A YES!
UH-HUH!
I'M ASSUMING TOOTSIE MODELED HER NEW BATHING SUIT?
YEAH, WHY?
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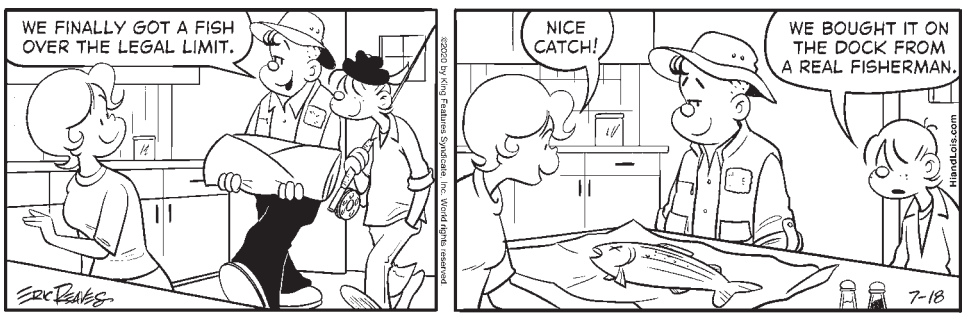
WE FINALLY GOT A FISH OVER THE LEGAL LIMIT.
NICE CATCH!
WE BOUGHT IT ON THE DOCK FROM A REAL FISHERMAN.
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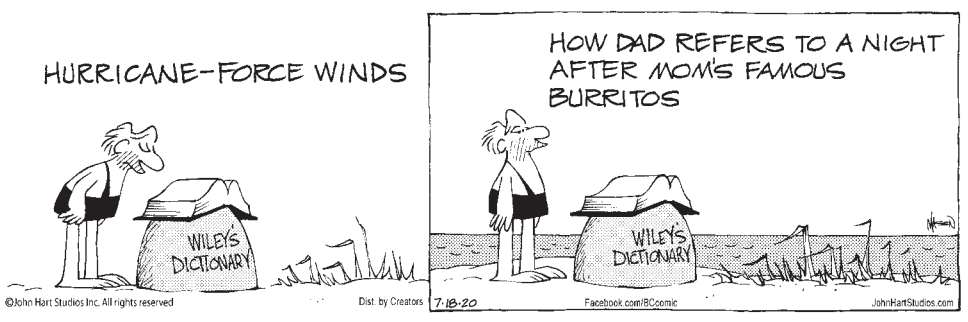

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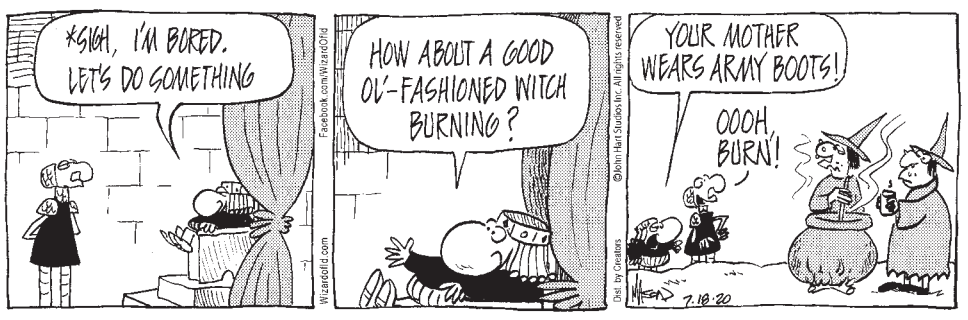

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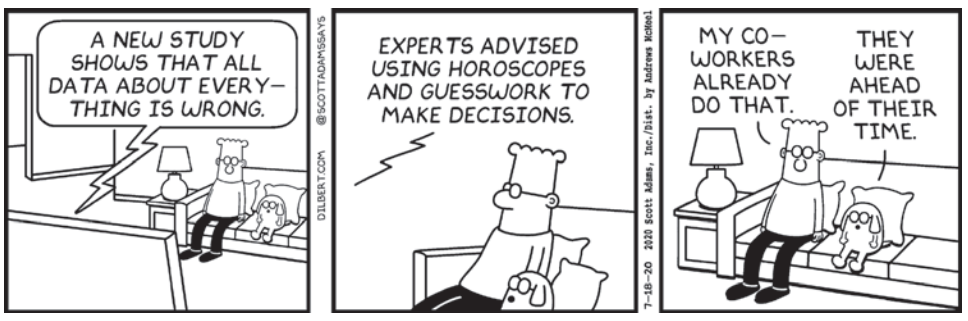
A NEW STUDY SHOWS THAT ALL DATA ABOUT EVERY-THING IS WRONG.
DILBERT.COM @SCOTTADAMSSAYS
EXPERTS ADVISED USING HOROSCOPES AND GUESSWORK TO MAKE DECISIONS.
MY CO-WORKERS ALREADY DO THAT.
THEY WERE AHEAD OF THEIR TIME.
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GARFIELD

YOU'RE SURE A PUNY LITTLE FLOWER
OH, YEAH?!
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IF YOU HAD ALLERGIES, YOU WOULDN'T SAY THAT, MISTER!
JIM DAVIS 7-18
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FORT KNOX

IS MONDO READY TO GO HOME?
YES, GENERAL.
CHOP LIVER
GREAT! THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR WATCHING HIM.
NO PROBLEM... THIS IS FOR YOU.
NURSE MADE
ARE THESE VET INSTRUCTIONS?
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NO, A LIST OF THINGS HE DEMOLISHED.
WE ACCEPT PAYPAL.
PAY UP
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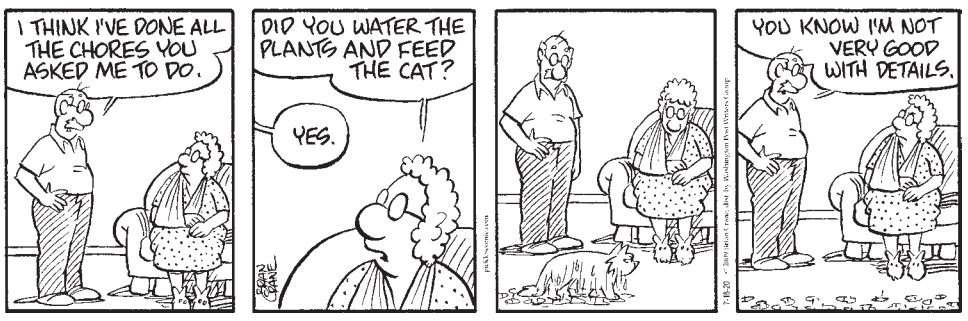
PICKLES


I THINK I'VE DONE ALL THE CHORES YOU ASKED ME TO DO.
DID YOU WATER THE PLANTS AND FEED THE CAT?
YES.
YOU KNOW I'M NOT VERY GOOD WITH DETAILS.
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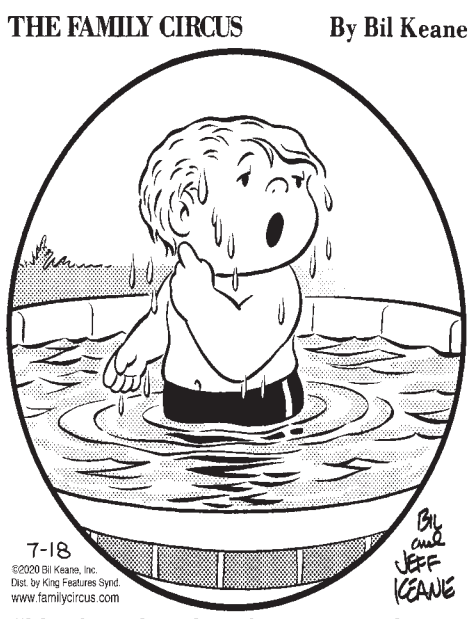
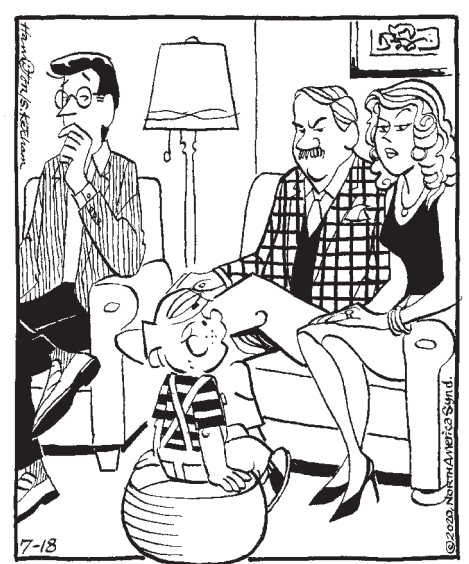
FAMILY CIRCUS



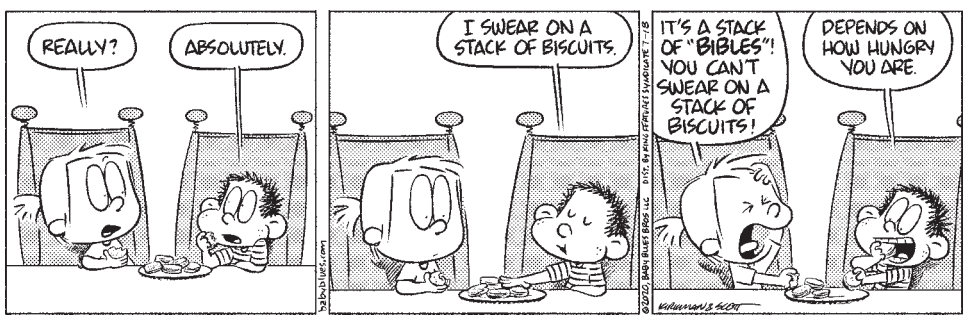
"I had my head underwater and now this ear won't listen!"

DENNIS THE MENACE



"YOU SURE DON'T LOOK LIKE A PROSPECTOR TO ME... BUT MY DAD SAID YOU WERE A REAL GOLD DIGGER!"

BABY BLUES


REALLY?
ABSOLUTELY.
I SWEAR ON A STACK OF BISCUITS.
IT'S A STACK OF "BIBLES"! YOU CAN'T SWEAR ON A STACK OF BISCUITS!
DEPENDS ON HOW HUNGRY YOU ARE.
babyblues.com

CURTIS

"THE THING THAT LIVES UNDER THE BED" WILL BE A HORROR CLASSIC!
A PRIEST, A RABBI AND AN EXORCIST STRUGGLE TO GET RID OF A "THING" THAT LIVES UNDER SOME KID'S BED!
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THEY OUGHTA TRY OUR PROVEN METHOD
AND WHAT METHOD IS THAT?
YAWN
YOU THROW YOUR DIRTY SOCKS UNDER THE BED!
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ZITS

The ZITS editor is on furlough today. — Ed.
WHERE'S JEREMY THIS MORNING?
OUT WITH FRIENDS.
IN THAT CASE, WE SHOULD HAVE A QUICKIE!
OKAY!
MMM... I LOVE HAM-AND-CHEDDAR QUICKIE!
ISN'T IT PRO-NOUNCED "QUICHE"?
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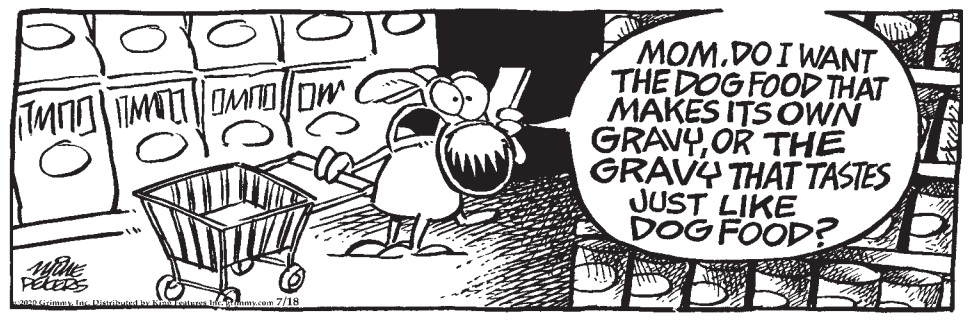
HAGAR THE HORRIBLE

MOTHER GOOSE & GRIMM


MOM, DO I WANT THE DOG FOOD THAT MAKES ITS OWN GRAVY, OR THE GRAVY THAT TASTES JUST LIKE DOG FOOD?
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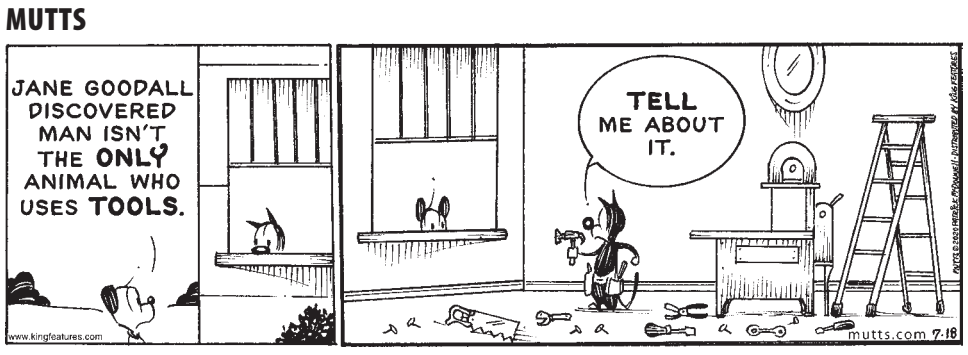
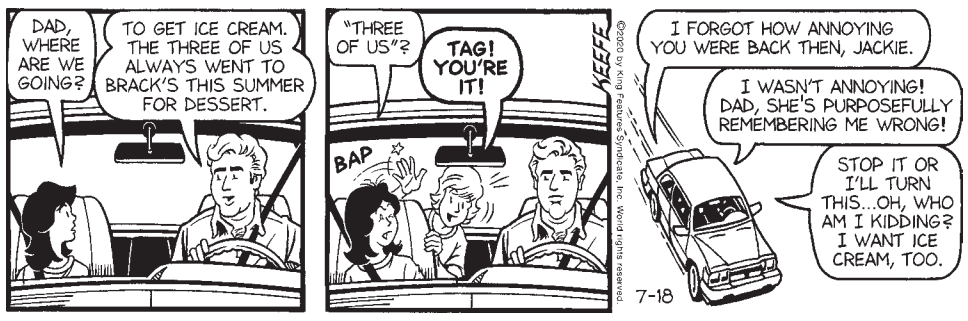


SALLY FORTH


DAD, WHERE ARE WE GOING?
TO GET ICE CREAM. THE THREE OF US ALWAYS WENT TO BRACK'S THIS SUMMER FOR DESSERT.
"THREE OF US"?
TAG! YOU'RE IT!
BAP
KEEFE
I FORGOT HOW ANNOYING YOU WERE BACK THEN, JACKIE.
I WASN'T ANNOYING! DAD, SHE'S PURPOSEFULLY REMEMBERING ME WRONG!
STOP IT OR I'LL TURN THIS...OH, WHO AM I KIDDING? I WANT ICE CREAM, TOO.
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LEGALS

demonstrate that the computer programming used to tabulate the votes cast at the election meets the requirements of Michigan election law.
John Saylor, Clerk
City of Bangor

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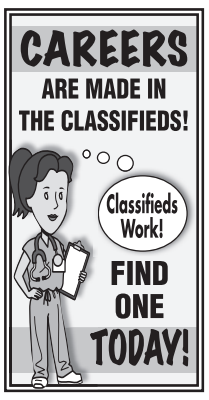

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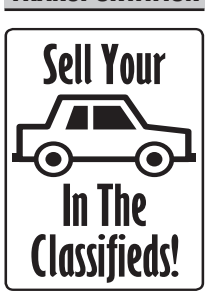

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HOROSCOPE

By EUGENIA LAST

SATURDAY, JULY 18

Expand your mind, interests and prospects this year, and it will prompt others to take a closer look at what you are doing. The creative process will bring you the highest satisfaction. If you embrace life with a unique perspective, exciting opportunities will unfold.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Keep an open mind, but don't let someone coax you into a change that helps him or her more than it does you. Listen to others and use the information offered to your benefit.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Challenge yourself emotionally and physically. The benefits and compliments you receive will make your efforts worthwhile. A personal improvement due to an adjustment at home looks promising. Romance is encouraged.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Don't let someone charm you into something you shouldn't do. Look at your options, study the facts and gravitate toward people who bring out your very best.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) An argument will break out if you can't find common ground with someone you must deal with today. Be willing to compromise, but don't let someone walk all over you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Your focus is aligning with what's important to you. It's time to step forward and use the knowledge and insight you've gained to set an example and help others.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Check your options before you agree to make a domestic change or repair. More than one opinion will help you get the best deal. Love and romance are featured.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Take nothing for granted and expect nothing in return. Set an example and provide an incentive, and you will get all the help you need. Anger or force is discouraged.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) An energetic plan will motivate you to take better care of yourself. Reach out to a loved one to join you on a health-related journey. Romance is on the rise.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Take measures to enhance your reputation. Fundraisers, donations or charity work will lead to valuable information. Don't let an emotional incident stand in your way.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You'll find it difficult to get others to see things your way. Your best alternative is to put in the time to prove that your plan is worthwhile before enlisting help.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Take command to attract attention and gain respect. How you handle others will set the stage for future endeavors. It's up to you to make opportunities happen.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Leave nothing to chance when it comes to money, health or a personal relationship. If you want something, persuasiveness alone won't work, but a kind gesture will. Physical fitness is featured.

HOROSCOPE

By EUGENIA LAST

SUNDAY, JULY 19

Sincerity will help you gain support this year. Speak from the heart, and you'll capture attention and encourage others to help you turn your ideas into something great. The contributions you make will set the stage for the way your life unfolds. Expand your interests and thrive.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Stop questioning and start doing. Make a decision that will help you let go of the past and move forward with your life. Don't miss an opportunity to explore new possibilities.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Do what you need to do without making a fuss. Refuse to let anyone make decisions for you or entice you into something risky. Pay attention to health and fitness.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Set rules and standards that you feel comfortable with, but don't expect others to follow suit. Allow others the freedom of choice, and you'll get the same in return.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Make your position clear and keep heading in a direction that suits your needs. A personal gain will be dependent on how you handle your money. Avoid indulgent behavior.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Discard what you no longer need. Reevaluate your intentions and walk away from those standing in your way. Explore new ideas and embrace new beginnings. Choose mind over matter.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Investments will go sour if you trust someone with your cash or embark on a joint venture. Don't let anyone take advantage of you. Immerse yourself in self-improvement.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Spit it out if you don't like the way someone is treating you. Don't raise your voice, but do state the facts and offer alternatives. Aim to solve problems, not to fuel them.

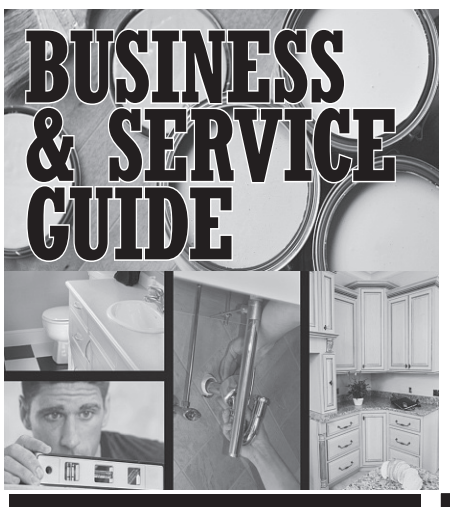
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) A change of plans that someone reveals will come as a surprise. Consider what's best for you and adjust. When in doubt, look inward and focus on personal growth.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Get in touch with your inner self, and you'll discover you have more to offer than you realize. Refuse to let anyone put you down or make you feel inadequate.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Avoid getting into a senseless argument. Keep physically active, and you will avert that disgruntled feeling when things don't go your way.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Someone will offer a different perspective on a situation that shows potential. Weigh the pros and cons and prepare to make a move that can influence your life.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Don't hesitate, stop or give anyone the chance to mess with you. Stay focused on being and doing your best. Good health begins with a proper diet and fitness routine.



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Crossword Answers C2

Los Angeles Times Sunday Crossword Puzzle

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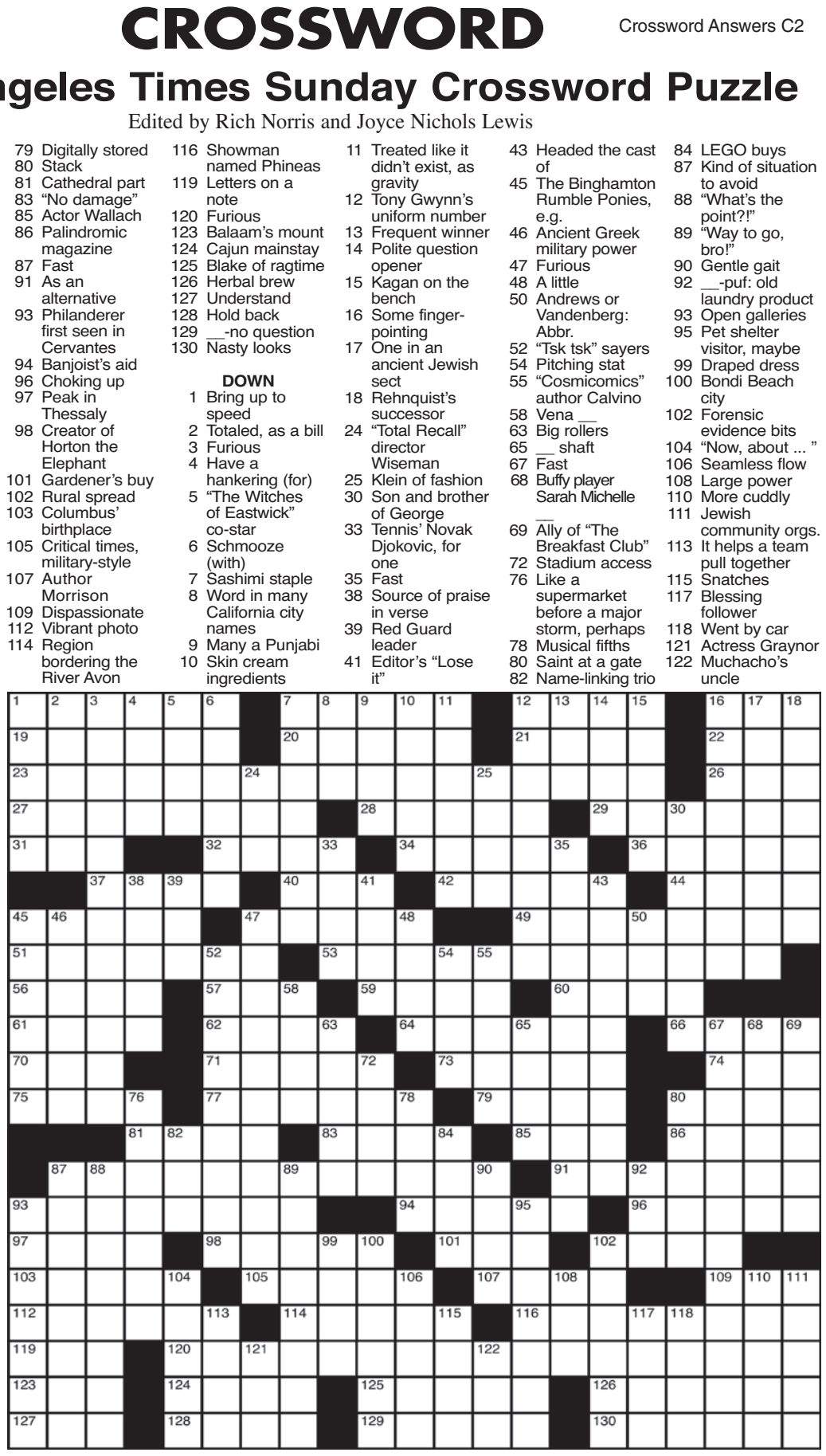
ACROSS
1 Bring up, as a subject
7 Longtime Syrian ruling family name
12 Rat on
16 Passover mo., usually
19 Vaquero's home
20 Ethiopia's Selassie
21 Puritan's conclusion?
22 Sulu portrayer John
23 Fast
26 Vehicle in a queue
27 Computer connection method
28 "Die Lorelei" poet
29 Wound
31 Doctor Octopus, to Spidey
32 Load
34 "The Flying Dutchman" soprano
36 Norse pantheon
37 Development site
40 "Groundhog Day" insurance salesman
42 Specifics, informally
44 Rope fiber
45 Carne __: steak dish
47 Paying passengers
49 Food
51 Based on deduction as opposed to experience
53 Furious
56 Gentle attention-getters
57 Series-ending abbr.
59 Radiate
60 "Nor to their idle __ doth sight appear": Milton
61 Part of Q.E.D.
62 Groups that get busy in Sept.
64 Charm
66 Fairy tale figures
70 T, on the NYSE
71 Rootless sort
73 Hit the dirt on a diamond
74 "So exciting--not"
75 Half of an alternative to 7-Down
77 Former White House family
79 Digitally stored
80 Stack
81 Cathedral part
83 "No damage"
85 Actor Wallach
86 Palindromic magazine
87 Fast
91 As an alternative
93 Philanderer first seen in Cervantes
94 Banjoist's aid
96 Choking up
97 Peak in Thessaly
98 Creator of Horton the Elephant
101 Gardener's buy
102 Rural spread
103 Columbus' birthplace
105 Critical times, military-style
107 Author Morrison
109 Dispassionate
112 Vibrant photo
114 Region bordering the River Avon
116 Showman named Phineas
119 Letters on a note
120 Furious
123 Balaam's mount
124 Cajun mainstay
125 Blake of ragtime
126 Herbal brew
127 Understand
128 Hold back
129 __-no question
130 Nasty looks

DOWN
1 Bring up to speed
2 Totaled, as a bill
3 Furious
4 Have a hankering (for)
5 "The Witches of Eastwick" co-star
6 Schmooze (with)
7 Sashimi staple
8 Word in many California city names
9 Many a Punjabi
10 Skin cream ingredients
11 Treated like it didn't exist, as gravity
12 Tony Gwynn's uniform number
13 Frequent winner
14 Polite question opener
15 Kagan on the bench
16 Some finger-pointing
17 One in an ancient Jewish sect
18 Rehnquist's successor
24 "Total Recall" director Wiseman
25 Klein of fashion
30 Son and brother of George
33 Tennis' Novak Djokovic, for one
35 Fast
38 Source of praise in verse
39 Red Guard leader
41 Editor's "Lose it"
43 Headed the cast of
45 The Binghamton Rumble Ponies, e.g.
46 Ancient Greek military power
47 Furious
48 A little
50 Andrews or Vandenberg: Abbr.
52 "Tsk tsk" sayers
54 Pitching stat
55 "Cosmicomics" author Calvino
58 Vena __
63 Big rollers
65 __ shaft
67 Fast
68 Buffy player Sarah Michelle __
69 Ally of "The Breakfast Club"
72 Stadium access
76 Like a supermarket before a major storm, perhaps
78 Musical fifths
80 Saint at a gate
82 Name-linking trio
84 LEGO buys
87 Kind of situation to avoid
88 "What's the point?!"
89 "Way to go, bro!"
90 Gentle gait
92 __-puf: old laundry product
93 Open galleries
95 Pet shelter visitor, maybe
99 Draped dress
100 Bondi Beach city
102 Forensic evidence bits
104 "Now, about ... "
106 Seamless flow
108 Large power
110 More cuddly
111 Jewish community orgs.
113 It helps a team pull together
115 Snatches
117 Blessing follower
118 Went by car
121 Actress Graynor
122 Muchacho's uncle



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36 MONTH LEASE WITH APPROVED CREDIT, 10,500 MILES PER YEAR, $2,800 DUE AT SIGNING, PLUS 1ST PAYMENT, TAX, TITLE, DOC FEE, PLATE FEE, SECURITY DEPOSIT WAIVED, *MUST QUALIFY FOR FORD RCL RENEWAL, OFFER EXPIRES 07/31/20

2020 FORD F-150 SUPERCAB 4X4

BLUE JEANS, POWER WINDOWS AND LOCKS, FORD PASS CONNECT, LOCKING REAR AXLE, TRAILER HITCH, CHROME APPEARANCE PACKAGE, AND MUCH MORE! F20050

MSRP	$40,330
SIEMANS DISCOUNT	- 1,690
FORD CREDIT RETAIL BONUS CASH*	- 1,000
FORD BONUS CASH	- 1,500
FORD F-SERIES RETAIL CUSTOMER CASH	- 1,000
FORD GM & RAM TRUCK OWNERS CONQUEST CASH*	- 1,000

SALE PRICE* $34,140

(*MUST QUALIFY/ MUST FINANCE THRU FORD MOTOR CREDIT)

2020 FORD EXPLORER PLATINUM 4WD

STAR WHITE METALLIC TRI-COAT, HANDS FREE LIFT GATE, 3.0 ECOBOOST V6 ENGINE, 20 INCH BRIGHT MACHINE FACE ALUMINUM WHEELS, 14 SPEAKERS, 10 INCH TOUCH SCREEN, TWIN PANEL MOON ROOF, FIRST AND 2ND ROW HEATED SEATS, HEATED STEERING WHEEL, POWERFOLD THIRD SEAT, 360 DEGREE CAMERA, ACTIVE PARK ASSIST, B & O SOUND SYSTEM, NAVIGATION, REMOTE START, AND MUCH MORE! F20040

MSRP	$61,155
SIEMANS DICSOUNT	- 2,338
FORD RETAIL BONUS CASH	- 2,500
FORD RETAIL CUSTOMER CASH	- 500

SALE PRICE* $55,817

2020 FORD ECOSPORT 4X4 SE

SHADOW BLACK, ALUMINUM WHEELS, REMOTE START, FOG LAMPS, POWER MOONROOF, POWER SEAT, HEATED FRONT SEATS, REAR VIEW CAMERA, REVERSE SENSING SYSTEM, SATELLITE RADIO, AND MUCH MORE! F20128

MSRP	$26,540
SIEMANS DISCOUNT	- 318
FORD BONUS CASH	- 500
FORD RETAIL CASH	- 3,750
FORD COMPETITIVE CONQUEST BONUS CASH*	- 500

SALE PRICE* $21,472

(*MUST QUALIFY)

2020 FORD F-350 FLATBED

OXFORD WHITE, 6.2 V8 ENGINE, 12 FOOT PLATFORM FLATBED, TRAILER BRAKE CONTROLLER, RUNNING BOARDS, POWER WINDOWS AND LOCKS, AND MUCH MORE! F20280

MSRP	$40,585
ADD FOR 12 FOOT FLATBED	+ 7,379
SUBTOTAL	$47,964
SIEMANS DISCOUNT	- 1,469
FORD F-SERIES RETAIL CUSTOMER CASH	- 500
FORD COMMERCIAL UPFIT BONUS CASH*	- 1,000
FORD BUILT FOR THE ROAD BONUS CASH*	- 500

SALE PRICE* $44,495

(*MUST QUALIFY)

2020 FORD TRANSIT XLT 10 PASSENGER ALL WHEEL DRIVE VAN

KAPOOR RED, 10 PASSENGER SEATING, TRAILER TOW PACKAGE, NAVIGATION, FORGED ALUMINUM WHEELS, TRAILER BRAKE CONTROLLER, REMOTE START, RUNNING BOARDS, PRIVACY GLASS AND MUCH MORE! F20061

MSRP	$52,550
SIEMANS DISCOUNT	- 2,055
FORD RETAIL CUSTOMER CASH	- 1,500
FORD COMPETITIVE CONQUEST BONUS CASH*	- 1,000

SALE PRICE* $47,995

(*MUST QUALIFY)

2020 FORD RANGER CREW CAB XLT 4X4

LIGHTING BLUE, PRIVACY GLASS, BLIS WITH CROSS TRAFFIC ALERT, REVERSE SENSING AND REAR VIEW CAMERA, LANE KEEPING SYSTEM, AND MUCH MORE! F20272

MSRP	$35,830
SIEMANS DISCOUNT	- 1,335
FORD RETAIL CUSTOMER CASH	- 1,000

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LEASE FOR $279/MO*

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2020 JEEP COMPASS LIMITED 4X4

DIAMOND BLACK CRYSTAL, FULL SUNROOF, LEATHER INTERIOR, TOUCH SCREEN RADIO, REMOTE START, 18 INCH ALUMINUM WHEELS, HEATED SEATS, HEATED STEERING WHEEL, AND MUCH MORE! C20115

LEASE FOR $249/MO*

42 MONTH LEASE WITH APPROVED CREDIT, 10,000 MILES PER YEAR, $3,400 DUE AT SIGNING, PLUS 1ST PAYMENT, TAX, TITLE, DOC FEE, PLATE FEE, SECURITY DEPOSIT WAIVED, *(MUST QUALIFY FOR CHRYSLER LEASE RENEWAL) OFFER EXPIRES 07/31/20

2020 JEEP RENEGADE LIMITED 4X4

ALPINE WHITE, LEATHER BUCKET SEATS, 1.3 TURBO ENGINE, 9-SPEED AUTOMATIC TRANSMISSION, TOUCH SCREEN RADIO, REMOTE START, HEATED STEERING WHEEL, HEATED FRONT SEATS, POWER SEAT, AND MUCH MORE! C20179

LEASE FOR $189/MO*

42 MONTH LEASE WITH APPROVED CREDIT, 10,000 MILES PER YEAR, $3,100 DUE AT SIGNING, PLUS 1ST PAYMENT, TAX, TITLE, DOC FEE, PLATE FEE, SECURITY DEPOSIT WAIVED, MUST QUALIFY FOR CHRYSLER LEASE RENEWAL) OFFER EXPIRES 07/31/20

2020 JEEP CHEROKEE TRAILHAWK 4X4

HYDRO BLUE, 2.0 TURBO ENGINE, POWER LIFTGATE, HEATED STEERING WHEEL, TOUCH SCREEN RADIO, REMOTE START, HEATED FRONT SEATS, BLIND SPOT AND CROSS PATH DETECTION, BACK-UP CAMERA, AND MUCH MORE! C20043

LEASE FOR $269/MO*

42 MONTH LEASE WITH APPROVED CREDIT, 10,000 MILES PER YEAR, $3,100 DUE AT SIGNING, PLUS 1ST PAYMENT, TAX, TITLE, DOC FEE, PLATE FEE, SECURITY DEPOSIT WAIVED, *(MUST QUALIFY FOR CHRYSLER LEASE RENEWAL) OFFER EXPIRES 07/31/20

2020 DODGE JOURNEY

VICE WHITE, 3RD ROW SEATING, TOUCH SCREEN RADIO, PARK SENSE REAR PARK ASSIST, AND MUCH MORE! C20139

MSRP	$24,990
SIEMANS DISCOUNT	- 500
REBATE	- 2,250
CHRYSLER CAPITAL BONUS CASH*	- 1,000
SALE PRICE FOR EVERYONE	$21,240
MILITARY CONSUMER CASH*	- 500
CONQUEST LEASE CASH*	- 500

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MSRP	$46,290
EMPLOYEE PRICING DISCOUNT	- 3,648
EMPLOYEE PRICING FOR EVERYONE	$42,642
REBATE	- 2,000
RETAIL BONUS CASH	- 1,000
SALE PRICE FOR EVERYONE	$39,642
MILITARY CONSUMER CASH*	- 500
RETURNING LESSEE CASH*	- 750

AS LOW AS $38,392

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2020 JEEP GLADIATOR SPORT 4X4

FIRECRACKER RED, ALPINE PREMIUM AUDIO SYSTEM, BLACK 3-PIECE HARDTOP, HEATED FRONT SEATS, HEATED STEERING WHEEL, REMOTE START, TOUCH SCREEN RADIO, AND MUCH MORE! C20008

MSRP	$45,365
EMPLOYEE PRICING DISCOUNT	- 3,680
EMPLOYEE PRICING FOR ALL	$41,685
MILITARY BONUS CASH*	- 500

AS LOW AS $41,185

(*MUST QUALIFY)

2020 DODGE GRAND CARAVAN SE

WHITE KNUCKLE, 7- PASSENGER SEATING, REAR AIR CONDITIONING WITH HEATER, BACK-UP CAMERA, TOUCH SCREEN RADIO, AND MUCH MORE! C20210

MSRP	$29,025
SIEMANS DISCOUNT	- 530
REBATE	- 1,750
CHRYSLER CAPITAL BONUS CASH*	- 1,000
RETAIL BONUS CASH	- 500
GRAND CARAVAN BONUS CASH	- 2,500
SALE PRICE FOR EVERYONE	$22,745
MILITARY CONSUMER CASH*	- 500
CONQUEST LESSE CASH*	- 500

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2016 FORD ESCAPE SE 4X4

1.6 Ecoboost EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Silver-Painted Alloy Wheels, 64K Miles, Navigation, Power Driver's Seat, SYNC, Reverse Sensing System, Rear View Camera, Power Lift Gate, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ford Certified! Ingot Silver C20052A

NOW $16,570

2019 HONDA HR-V LX AWD

1.8 EFI Engine, CVT Automatic Transmission, Aluminum Wheels, Less Than 4K Miles! Power Windows and Locks, Rear View Camera, Remote Keyless Entry System, Balance of Factory Warranty! Modern Steel F19489B

NOW $20,664

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3.5 V6 Ecoboost EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Bright Machined Face Wheels, 79K Miles, Remote Start, Navigation, Memory Power Leather Heated/AC Front Seats, Heated Steering Wheel, 2nd Row Heated Seats, Auto Climate Control, Adaptive Cruise Control, SYNC 3, Lane Keeping System, Reverse Sensing System, Active Park Assist, Rear View Camera, Front 180 Degree Camera, Trailer Tow Package, Power Lift Gate, Car Smart Checked! Magnetic F20019A

NOW $28,899

2017 FORD EDGE SEL AWD

2.0 Ecoboost EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Polished Aluminum Wheels, 26K Miles, Remote Start, Navigation, Power Leather Heated Front Seats, Heated Steering Wheel, Power Panoramic Moon Roof, Blind Spot Monitoring, Reverse Sensing System Rear View Camera, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ford Certified! White Platinum U20123

NOW $26,553

2017 FORD ESCAPE SE 4X4

1.5 Ecoboost EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Silver Painted Aluminum Wheels, 36K Miles, Power Driver's Seat, SYNC, Auto Climate Control, CD-Player, Rear View Camera, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ford Certified! White Gold U20124

NOW $13,994

2017 GMC SIERRA 1500 LT Z-71 CREW CAB 4X4

5.3 V8 EFI Engine, 8 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 53K Miles, Pick-Up Bed Cap, Bed Liner, Running Boards, Remote Start, Memory Power Leather Heated/AC Seating, Auto Climate Control, CD-Player, Rear View Camera, Remote Keyless Entry System, Balance of Factory Warranty! White U20065

NOW $35,170

2016 FORD EDGE SEL AWD

2.0 Ecoboost EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Painted Aluminum Wheels, 71K Miles, Remote Start, Power Front Seats, CD-Player, Reverse Sensing System, Rear View Camera, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ford Certified! Kona Blue F19415A

NOW $18,999

2017 FORD ESCAPE SE 4X4

1.5 Ecoboost EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Silver Painted Aluminum Wheels, 29K Miles, Power Driver's Seat, Auto Climate Control, SYNC 3, Blind Spot Information System Reverse Sensing System, Rear View Camera, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ford Certified! Black Shadow U20117

Now $18,889

2018 FORD EDGE SEL AWD

2.0 Ecoboost EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Painted Aluminum Wheels, 37K Miles, Remote Start, Navigation, Power Leather Heated Seating, Heated Steering Wheel, Auto Climate Control, Reverse Sensing System, Rear View Camera, Hands Free Lift Gate, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ford Certified! Shadow Black F20069A

WAS $25,310 NOW $23,776

2018 DODGE CHARGER GT AWD

3.6 V6 EFI Engine, 8 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 30K Miles, Remote Start, Memory Power Leather Heated/AC Front Seats, Heated Steering Wheel, 2nd Row Heated Seats, Blind Spot and Cross Path Detection, Rear View Camera, Touchscreen Display, Remote Keyless Entry System, Dodge Certified! Granite U20050

NOW $25,442

2016 DODGE GRAND CARAVAN

3.6 V6 EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Steel Wheels, 32K Miles, 7 Passenger Seating, Stow 'n Go Seating, American Value Package, Remote Keyless Entry System, Balance of Factory Warranty! Black Onyx U20066

WAS $16,500 NOW $15,994

2015 RAM 1500 SLT OUTDOORSMAN ECO DIESEL CREW CAB 4X4

3.0 V6 Turbo DIESEL EFI Engine, 8 Speed Automatic, Semi-Gloss Black Aluminum Wheels, 69K Miles, Bed Liner, Running Boards, Remote Start, Power Driver's Seat, Heated Front Seats, Heated Steering Wheel, Rear View Camera, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ram Certified! Bright Silver C19274A

WAS $25,790 NOW $24,767

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3.6 V6 EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 91K Miles, Remote Start, Navigation, Power Leather Heated Front Seats, Heated Steering Wheel, 2nd Row Heated Seats, Power Side Side Doors, Touchscreen Display, DVD Entertainment System, Rear Park Assist, Rear View Camera, Power Lift Gate, Remote Keyless Entry System, Car Smart Checked! Billet Silver U20105A

NOW $13,336

2017 FORD EXPLORER PLATINUM 4X4

3.5 V6 Ecoboost EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Machined Face Wheels, 42K Miles, Remote Start, Navigation, Memory Power Leather Heated/AC Front Seats, Heated Steering Wheel, 2nd Row Heated Seats, 3rd Row Power Fold Seats, Auto Climate Control, Power Dual Panel Moon Roof, SYNC 3, Adaptive Cruise Control, Lane Keeping System, Front 180 Degree Camera, Reverse Sensing System, Park Assist System, Rear View Camera, Power Lift Gate, Trailer Tow Package, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ford Certified! Shadow Black F19450A

NOW $33,463

2016 FORD ESCAPE SE 4X4

2.0 Ecoboost EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 50K Miles, Power Driver's Seat, Heated Front Seats, CD-Player, SYNC 3, Reverse Sensing System, Rear View Camera, Trailer Tow Package, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ford Certified! Sunset U20100A

NOW $15,989

2017 HONDA CIVIC EX

1.5 EFI Engine, Automatic Transmission, Aluminum Wheels, 24K Miles, Remote Start, Heated Front Seats, Power Moon Roof, Rear View Camera, Remote Keyless Entry System, Balance of Factory Warranty! Gray C20042A

WAS $18,395 NOW $16,999

2015 GMC SIERRA 1500 SLT Z-71 CREW CAB 4X4

5.3 EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 93K Miles, Remote Start, Navigation, Security Cover, Running Boards, Memory Power Leather Heated Seating, Power Adjust Pedals, Power Moon Roof, Auto Climate Control, Cd-Player, Rear View Camera, Remote Keyless Entry System, Car Smart Checked! White C19234A

NOW $29,282

2018 FORD ESCAPE SE 4X4

1.5 Ecoboost EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Sparkle Silver Painted Aluminum Wheels, 33K Miles, Power Driver's Seat, Heated Front Seats, Auto Climate Control, CD-Player, Rear View Camera, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ford Certified! Shadow Black U20118

NOW $19,898

2009 CHRYSLER TOWN & COUNTRY LIMITED

4.0 V6 EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 156K Miles, Remote Start, Navigation, Memory Power Leather Heated Front Seats, 2nd Row Heated Seats, Power Slide Side Doors, DVD Entertainment System, Rear View Camera, Power Lift Gate, Remote Keyless Entry System, Light Sandstone C19300A

NOW $6,854

2017 JEEP GRAND CHEROKEE ALTITUDE 4X4

3.6 V6 EFI Engine, 8 Speed Automatic, Gloss Black Aluminum Wheels, 37K Miles, Remote Start, Power Driver's Seats, Suede Heated Front Seats, Heated Steering Wheel, Power Moon Roof, Rear View Camera, Power Lift Gate, Trailer Tow Group IV, Remote Keyless Entry System, Jeep Certified! Bright White U20094

NOW $28,995

2016 BUICK ENCORE AWD

1.4 EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Chromed Aluminum Wheels, 47K Miles, Remote Start, Navigation, Memory Power Leather Heated Seating, Heated Steering Wheel, Power Moon Roof, Auto Climate Control, CD-Player, Blind Spot Monitor, Cross Traffic Alert, Rear View Camera, Remote Keyless Entry System, Balance of Factory Warranty! Carbon Black U20057

WAS $17,969 NOW $17,164

2017 RAM 1500 ST BIG HORN CREW CAB 4X4

5.7 V8 HEMI EFI Engine, 8 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 42K Miles, Bed Liner, Running Boards, Touchscreen Display, Rear View Camera, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ram Certified! Bright Silver C20214A

NOW $27,608

2009 TOYOTA HIGHLANDER LIMITED 4X4

3.5 EFI V6 Engine, 5 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 149K Miles, Navigation, Power Leather Heated Front Seats, Power Moon Roof, Auto Climate Control, CD-Player, Remote Keyless Entry System, Car Smart Checked! Blue F20103A

NOW $11,962

2011 TOYOTA SIENNA LIMITED AWD

3.5 EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 158K Miles, Navigation, Memory Power Leather Heated Seating, Power Moon Roof, DVD Entertainment System, Power Slide Side Doors, Rear View Camera, Remote Keyless Entry System, Car Smart Checked! Gray C20151A

NOW $12,892

2016 RAM 1500 SPORT CREW CAB 4X4

5.7 HEMI EFI Engine, 8 Speed Automatic, Polished Aluminum Wheels, 40K Miles, Remote Start, Navigation, Bed Liner, Running Boards, Power Driver's Seat, Heated Front Seats, Heated Steering Wheel, Power Adjust Pedals, Power Moon Roof, Park Assist System, Rear View Camera, Trailer Tow Package, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ram Certified! Stone Yellow U20060

NOW $32,956

2019 JEEP CHEROKEE LATITUDE PLUS 4X4

2.4 EFI Engine, 9 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 26K Miles, Remote Start, Power Driver's Seat, Heated Front Seats, Heated Steering Wheel, Touchscreen Display, Blind Spot and Cross Path Detection, Reverse Park Assist, Rear View Camera, Power Lift Gate, Remote Keyless Entry System, Jeep Certified! Velvet Red Pearl

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2019 RAM 1500 BIG HORN LONESTAR CREW CAB 4X4

5.7 V8 HEMI EFI Engine, Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 28K Miles, Remote Start, Navigation, Security Cover, Bed Liner, Running Boards, Power Driver's Seat, Power Adjust Pedals, Heated Front Seats, Heated Steering Wheels, Power Panoramic Moon Roof, Rear View Camera, Trailer Tow Group, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ram Certified! Bright White

NOW $39,308

2016 FORD EXPLORER LIMITED 4X4

2.3 Ecoboost EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 76K Miles, Remote Start, Navigation, Memory Power Leather Heated/AC Seats, Heated Steering Wheel, Memory Power Adjust Pedals, 2nd Row Heated Seats, 3rd Row Power Fold Seats, Power Dual Panel Moon Roof, Auto Climate Control, Reverse Sensing System, Rear View Camera, Hands Free Lift Gate, Trailer Tow Group, Remote Keyless Entry System, Car Smart Checked! Magnetic

NOW $24,574

2012 CHEVY CAMARO LZ1

6.2 V8 EFI Engine, 6 Speed Manual Transmission, Painted Black Aluminum Wheels, Only 4K Miles, Navigation, ZL1 Preferred Equipment Group, Power Leather Heated Front Seats, Power Moon Roof, CD-Player, Reverse Park Assist, Rear View Camera, Remote Keyless Entry System, Car Smart Checked! Black C20203A

NOW $38,147

2018 JEEP GRAND CHEROKEE LIMITED 25TH ANNIVERSARY EDITION 4X4

3.6 V6 EFI Engine, 8 Speed Automatic, Heritage Aluminum Wheels, 49K Miles, Remote Start, Navigation, Sterling Edition Package, Memory Power Leather Heated Front Seats, 2nd Row Heated Seats, Power Moon Roof, Blind Spot and Cross Path Detection, Rear View Camera, Power Lift Gate, Jeep Certified! Diamond Black U20104

NOW $29,258

2016 MAZDA CX-5 GT AWD

2.5 EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 38K Miles, Navigation, Leather Heated Front Seats, Power Driver's Seat, Power Moon Roof, Auto Climate Control, CD-Player, Rear View Camera, Remote Keyless Entry System, Mazda Certified! White S20003

WAS $21,995 NOW $21,500

2015 RAM 1500 SLT BIG HORN CREW CAB 4X4

5.7 V8 HEMI EFI Engine, 8 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 106K Miles, Bed Liner, Running Boards, Remote Start, Navigation, Power Driver's Seat, Touchscreen Display, Rear View Camera, Remote Keyless Entry System, Car Smart Checked! Black M19114C

NOW $19,995

2019 JEEP CHEROKEE OVERLAND 4X4

3.2 V6 EFI Engine, 9 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 12K Miles, Remote Start, Navigation, Memory Power Leather Heated/AC Front Seats, Heated Steering Wheel, 2nd Row Heated Seats, Power Panoramic Moon Roof, Auto Climate Control, Blind Spot and Cross Path Detection, Park Assist with Stop, Rear View Camera, Power Lift Gate, Trailer Tow Group, Remote Keyless Entry System, Jeep Certified! Granite C20009A

NOW $29,646

2014 FORD EDGE SEL AWD

3.5 V6 EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Chrome Clad Wheels, 79K Miles, Navigation, Power Leather Heated Front Seats, Power Panoramic Moon Roof, Blind Spot Monitoring System, Reverse Sensing System, Rear View Camera, CD-Player, Power Lift Gate, Trailer Tow Package, Remote Keyless Entry System, Car Smart Checked! White Platinum P20104A

NOW $16,865

2018 FORD F-150 XL REGULAR CAB 4X4

3.3 V6 EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Steel Wheels, Only 14K Miles, Bed Liner, SYNC, CD-Player, Rear View Camera, Trailer Back-Up Assist, Trailer Tow Group, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ford Certified! Blue Jeans

NOW $26,999

2014 HARLEY-DAVIDSON FLHTCU ELECTRA GUIDE ULTRA LIMITED

V Twin 2 Cylinder Engine, 6 Speed Manual Transmission, Only 11K Miles! Includes Alarm, Heated Hand Grips, CD Radio, Bluetooth Connection for Phone, Navigation, Light Kit Around Faring, Light Kit Underneath F19385H

NOW $15,995

2014 CHEVY CAMARO LT

3.6 EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 62K Miles, Remote Start, Power Seating, Power Moon Roof, Remote Keyless Entry System, Car Smart Checked! Red U20049

NOW $16,511

2016 FORD TRANSIT 150 XL 10 PASSENGER VAN

3.7 V6 EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 47K Miles, Medium Roof, Rear View Camera, Reverse Park Aid, Back-Up Alarm, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ford Certified! Oxford White

NOW $25,994

2016 CHRYSLER 300 S AWD

3.6 V6 EFI Engine, 8 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 55K Miles, Remote Start, Navigation, Power Leather Heated Front Seats, Power Panoramic Moon Roof, Blind Spot and Cross Path Detection, Park Assist System, Rear View Camera, Remote Keyless Entry System, Chrysler Certified! Granite U20114

NOW $20,976

2017 RAM 1500 ST BIG HORN CREW CAB 4X4

5.7 V8 HEMI EFI Engine, 8 Speed Automatic, Black Aluminum Wheels, 56K Miles, Bed Liner, Running Boards, Remote Start, Navigation, Power Driver's Seat, Power Adjust Pedals, Heated Front Seats, Heated Steering Wheel, Front-Reverse Park Assist, Rear View Camera, Trailer Tow Package, Remote Keyless Entry System, Car Smart Checked! Ignition Orange

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Football coaches ready to go – regardless of season

Pratley: Possibility of spring football better than no football at all

By LEE THOMPSON
mlive.com

PRATLEY

Football is a fall-sports fixture.

But whether it takes playing in winter, spring, summer or fall, the Michigan High School Football Coaches Association is prepared to do what it takes to avoid a year without football.

"The only way that happens is if we don't play any sports at all," said Andrew Pratley, St. Joseph football coach and president of the MHSFCA. "Even if there are only a few months of sports this school year, we need to figure out a way to get football in."

The Michigan High School Athletic Association announced Friday its intention to play a full slate of fall sports – including football – as planned. Football practices are scheduled to begin Aug. 10 with other sports opening Aug. 12.

But the coronavirus curveball continues to leave everything in limbo. Gov. Gretchen Whitmer's plan to re-open the state in phases applies to high school athletics as well, and unless the state's COVID-19 numbers head in a positive direction, football won't be a possibility this fall.

With Friday's announcement, the MHSAA is moving forward as though full clearance is forthcoming. Contingency plans, however, are constantly being discussed. As a contact sport, football falls into the most high-risk category and must be ready to adjust.

The MHSAA announcement eliminates the idea of flopping spring and fall sports seasons. But it doesn't necessarily exclude the notion of moving football to the spring.

Pratley said his association has looked into the prospect of wedging a football season into the calendar somewhere between winter and spring sports.

That plan would likely call for shortened campaigns for all three seasons and extending play into the summer months.

But, to the MHSFCA, that's far better than simply canceling the football season altogether, similar to what happened to spring sports a few months ago.

"If the numbers don't look so good, we'll have to delay and maybe push the finals into December instead of the traditional Thanksgiving weekend," Pratley said. "If the numbers still aren't good at the end of August, the next move is to go somewhere in the middle of winter and spring sports. We'd have to come up with a timeline and squeeze things in.

"Then we'd have to look at how much time you would need to get ready, how many weeks you would play... We want three-sport athletes to play everything they want to play, so we wouldn't want to interject into spring sports."

Moving football to the spring may be feasible, but it raises all sorts of complications beyond the scheduling issue. Mainly, it would force multi-sport athletes to either pare down their participation or overload it.

There are also concerns over facilities, the availability of coaches and officials, recruiting and – in the case of some Upper Peninsula teams that play Wisconsin teams – filling schedules.

That's why all parties involved are keeping their fingers crossed that the COVID-19 threat lessens and fall sports can go forward as usual, under the current MHSAA plan.

"It depends on the citizens of great state of Michigan," Pratley said. "There's a lot of politicizing of the issue, but to me it's really simple. We need to do our part to get kids back in school and back in athletics. If that means wearing a mask to mitigate this thing, I'll wear a mask all day long.

"I wish more people would take one for the team and mask up. Just like in baseball, sometimes you've got to take one in the ribs and walk down to first base. It might hurt a little, but you know you just helped the team."

As it currently stands, the first week of the high school football season kicks off Aug. 28 with games across the state. If those Friday night lights are burning bright, it will be a season of success in the MHSFCA's book.

"We all want our kids to enjoy football because we know we enjoyed it and it helped mold us as youngsters," Pratley said.

"There may need to be a lot of creativity involved, but we certainly want to play."

Michigan's Livers forgoing NBA chance returning

ANN ARBOR (AP) — Michigan's Isaiah Livers is returning for his senior season.

Livers announced Friday he was removing his name from NBA draft consideration and said he was excited to come back to Ann Arbor.

"While it was a limited process due to COVID-19, I want to thank all the NBA teams who took the time to talk to me," the 6-foot-7 Livers said. "The information I gathered is going to be invaluable moving forward. But now, we have unfinished business in Ann Arbor. I cannot wait to do everything I can and help lead this team to great things."

Livers has started 46 games in three seasons at Michigan. He led the Wolverines in scoring last season at 12.9 points per game, although he was limited to 21 games because of injury problems.

"It was a great afternoon when Isaiah stopped into my office and told us he would be returning," coach Juwan Howard said.

College hoops coaches move to eliminate standardized testing

DES MOINES, Iowa — Men's and women's college basketball coaches are proposing the NCAA eliminate standardized testing requirements from initial-eligibility standards, calling exams such as the SAT and ACT "longstanding forces of institutional racism."

The proposal Thursday came out of the new committee on racial reconciliation formed by the National Association of Basketball Coaches in response to the Black Lives Matter movement and other social justice initiatives.

The committee is chaired by South Carolina coach Frank Martin and Harvard coach Tommy Amaker.

Martin and Amaker said in a joint statement that standardized tests "no longer have a place in intercollegiate athletics or education at large," and that eliminating them would be "an important step towards combating educational inequality."

AREA GOLF

INDIAN LAKE HILLS
MISSING LINKS (EAST) — Low gross: R. Ludlow 37, J. Froelich 38, T. Landis 39. Low net: R. Ludlow 29, J. Froelich 29, D. Koch 31, K. Lignell 31.

Finau, Palmer share lead at Memorial as Tiger hangs on

By DOUG FERGUSON
AP Golf Writer

DUBLIN, Ohio — Tony Finau figured he was on the right track when he shot 59 at Victory Ranch last week in Utah.

That kind of score isn't happening at Muirfield Village, where the greens are getting firmer by the hour. Finau still took enough confidence from playing with his kids at home during a week off, and it translated into 14 birdies over two days and a share of the 36-hole lead at the Memorial.

Finau recovered from two bogeys after three holes of his second round Friday, making birdie on the rest of the par 5s and finishing with a wedge to 2 feet for birdie and a 3-under 69.

That put him at 9-under 135 with Ryan Palmer (68), who had only one bogey over two rounds. The way Muirfield Village is playing, both are impressive.

They were a shot in front of Jon Rahm (67), who has another chance to reach No. 1 in the world this week for the first time in his career. U.S. Open champion Gary Woodland had a 70 and was two behind.

For Tiger Woods, it was a matter of making it to the weekend. Woods said his back felt stiff while warming up, and missing a pair of 3-footers didn't make him feel any better. He managed two birdies and a 7-foot par save on his final three holes for a 76 that allowed him to make the cut on the number at 3-over 147, matching his highest 36-hole score at the Memorial.

"Not very good," Woods said. "I three-putted two holes early, and whatever kind of momentum I was going to create, I stifled that early and fought it the rest of the day."

Finau elected to stay home last week instead of playing Muirfield Village twice in a row. He won't compare Victory Ranch with Muirfield Village, though it inspired him.

Darron Cummings / AP
Tony Finau hits from the second tee during the second round of the Memorial golf tournament, Friday in Dublin, Ohio.

He was 14-under par through 16 holes until making a bogey on the 17th hole and settling for his second sub-60 round away from the PGA Tour.

"I don't know how many times I've been 14 under through 16 holes on a good golf course," Finau said. "But it told me I was in good form and just told me how good I am at scoring. So I think I definitely carried some of that right into this week, and that confidence I think is pretty cool."

The cut of 147 matched the highest of the season – it also was 147 at Bay Hill. Among those going home was Bryson DeChambeau, who was in reasonable shape until hitting his tee shot into a hazard on the 15th, taking a penalty drop, hitting the next two out-of-bounds and making 10.

It was his highest score on a hole in his career. DeChambeau came into the Memorial having finished in the top 10 in seven straight tournaments, and having 19 consecutive rounds at par or better. He left with rounds of 73-76, and without comment.

Dustin Johnson shot 80-80 for the highest 36-hole score of his PGA Tour career

Collin Morikawa, who won at Muirfield Village last week in a playoff over Justin Thomas, recovered from a 76 with a 70 to make the cut with one shot to spare. Thomas had a 67 and was six shots behind.

The way Muirfield Village began to look Friday, the weekend at the Memorial might be more about hanging on than going low.

The course is replacing all the greens after this week, so officials are letting them go. It doesn't matter if they're so fast the grass dies because they're being ripped up, anyway.

Brooks Koepka appeared to hit a solid bunker shot from right of the 16th green until it rolled out a few feet past the hole, and then a few more feet until it was off the green and resting against the collar of rough. That wasn't his biggest problem. Koepka dumped a shot in the water on his final hole at No. 9 and made double bogey for a 75.

"Not very good. I three-putted two holes early, and whatever kind of momentum I was going to create, I stifled that early and fought it the rest of the day."

TIGER WOODS

That put him at 3-over 147, same as Woods.

Rory McIlroy shot 72, which goes in the book as a round of even par. It was anything but that. He hit into the creek and muffed a chip for a double bogey on the par-5 11th. He smoked a fairway metal to 8 feet for eagle on the par-5 fifth. He hit wedge to 10 feet for a pair of birdies. He chunked a wedge into a bunker and made bogey.

He was at 2-under 142.

"I don't know what it was," he said. "It was a few birdies and an eagle thrown in there and a few mistakes. There's some good in there, some mediocre and there was some pretty poor shots. But I battled back well."

Palmer played the Workday Charity Open last week at Muirfield Village and missed the cut. Instead of staying in Ohio, he went home to Texas to work with swing coach Randy Smith, and he found a fix to whatever was holding him back.

"One little, small flaw in my back swing," Palmer said.

He also did some work on the greens with Steve Stricker, and Palmer feels good enough about his chances on the weekend.

Stricker didn't do too badly, either. The 53-year-old Ryder Cup captain had a 67 and was at 4-under 140, along with Jim Furyk, who turned 50 two months ago and shot 68.

HOMETOWN HEROES

Contributed photo
The 14U South Coast Blues travel baseball team from St. Joseph recently won the Windy City Freedom Classic Tournament held at the Ozinga Field in Crestwood, Illinois.
Front row, right: Ryder Wolnik, Alex Hicks, Matt Lage, Brodie McQuillan, Joe Miller, Nico Finn and assistant coach Charlie Fleenor Middle row, right: Landon Mulick, Andy Barlow, Kanyon Binns, Wyatt Epple, AJ Terry and head coach Dane Nelson. Back row, left: Assistant coach Steve Lage and assistant coach Mark Epple.

5 more MLB players positive for COVID, raising total to 80

NEW YORK (AP) — Five more baseball players tested positive for COVID-19 in the past week, raising the total to 80 since testing started in late June.

Major League Baseball and the players' association said six of 10,548 samples were new positives in the week ending Thursday, a rate of 0.05 percent. In addition to players, one staff member tested positive.

The sides do not announce names of those who test positive, but some players have allowed teams to identify themselves. Tampa Bay All-Star outfielder Austin Meadows was placed on the injured list Thursday night after testing positive for the coronavirus

The week included a five-day span with no new positive tests, MLB and the union said Friday.

For the past two weeks of monitoring testing, 23 of 17,949 samples have been new positives, a rate of 0.1 percent The new positives included 18 players and five staff members, all among 13 teams.

Including the initial intake screening that started in late June, 93 of of 21,701 samples have resulted in new positives, a rate of 0.4 percent. The positives included 80 players and 13 staff members, including four players who were additions to 60-man club player pools.

Twenty-eight teams have had a positive test result, including players and staff.

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Welcome to summer camp 2.0

Lori Borgman

When our two daughters were 10 and 12, they spent hours during the winter in a closet next to the furnace making detailed plans for hosting a summer camp. They invited children for whom they babysat, and the backyard summer camp filled up every year for two weeks a year for the next nine years.

My role was supervising bathroom traffic and being available in event of an emergency, which we fortunately never had. Of course, no one would do such a thing today without liability waivers and umbrella insurance policies, but that was then and this is now.

Camp often ended with the girls bickering over which one was being bossy and who needed to clean up what and then they both collapsed in exhaustion on the sofa.

Now, some 18 years later, with pandemic concerns still floating and many summer camps cancelled, the girls rebooted the backyard summer camp.

Together they have six preschool and elementary school children. They also invited a friend who grew up down the block to bring her elementary school-age daughter.

Camper screenings this time around were not about asthma or food allergies, but math computations on how many people each camper and their family had been exposed to, multiplied by the number of people the other campers and their families had been around. The results were a satisfactory small number and camp commenced.

Camp followed the old format: welcome activities, songs, story time, a craft project, a science project, lunch, all followed by changing into swimsuits and water play.

Two of the three moms, er, camp directors, have worked as teachers and the third as a physician assistant in cardiology. One of the teachers did a science project each day and the other a craft, both outdoing themselves with years of experience and resources, while the physician assistant provided snacks and was on standby for first aid.

Science time was over the top with lessons and activities on chromatography, centrifuge, sound waves and plant parts.

But science was overshadowed by a relay race where campers passed a cup of water overhead, often spilling it on someone else's head.

The crafts were clever, cute, and creative, but they were eclipsed by a contest where players dunked a sponge in water, ran it to a bucket and squeezed it out. The first team to fill the bucket won.

Every craft, science project, story and song evaporated under the heat of the summer sun next to the glee of dumping entire buckets of water on each other's heads. You want water? You got water!

The ultimate hits were water balloons and a pinata on the last day, which was followed by spraying each other down with the hose and more buckets of water.

All that to say, if you've missed summer camp this year, turn the kids loose with a garden hose and it will be time for school to restart before you know it.

Some things never change.

Oh, and the really good news – the camp directors didn't bicker this time around, although they did collapse in exhaustion after the last day.

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Pandemic pastimes with staying power

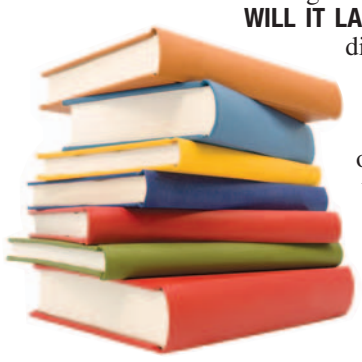
By RICHARD CHIN
Star Tribune (Minneapolis) (TNS)

We've spent a few months huddling in our homes during the COVID-19 outbreak, which has given us the time to take up activities we've long neglected or perhaps have always wanted to try. After all, how hard could it really be to learn to play the violin now that we've watched all the episodes of "Tiger King"? But of all the many stay-at-home hobbies, which are the easiest for the impatient beginner? Which are least likely to annoy our family or neighbors? And, maybe most important, which are fascinating enough to last? To help you choose, check out our guide to the pandemic pastimes with the most staying power.

Reading a classic

WHY: Checking "War and Peace" and "Moby Dick" off your bucket list will give you smarty pants bragging rights at your next Zoom happy hour.

HOW HARD IS IT: These classics are rated as "readable" by high school students, so it shouldn't be that tough.



WILL IT LAST: They may discover a vaccine before you get to the last page of one of these tomes. It's just too tempting to take a short cut, like the Disney-produced "Moby Dick" graphic novel, with Scrooge McDuck as Captain Quackhab. Or the Cozy Classic version of "War and Peace" which boils down Tolstoy's 560,000+-word epic to just 12 "child friendly" words, accompanied by needle-felted illustrations. (Spoiler alert: "Soldier. Boom!")

Baking bread

WHY: What can beat the smell of fresh baked bread?

HOW HARD IS IT: It's a bit like conducting a chemistry experiment. The results are best when you follow instructions, are precise in your measurements, control the temperature and master your technique.

WILL IT LAST: Will you really have time to keep your sourdough starter alive, not to mention all that kneading, proofing and shaping? Besides, will anyone still want to eat all those carbs when we're trying to lose "the COVID-15"?

Solo exercise

WHY: Exercising outdoors by yourself or in the privacy of your home is a comparatively safe activity during the pandemic. And because we need to work off all that fresh baked bread, there's been a boom in biking, inline skating and home workouts.

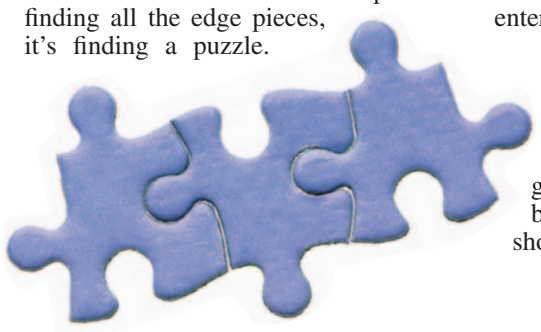
HOW HARD IS IT: You never forget how to ride a bike, but be prepared for some aches and pains if you overdo it. Oh, and dumbbells are as hard to find as Clorox wipes.

WILL IT LAST: Definitely. You'd never let that expensive new treadmill become a clothes rack, would you?

Playing puzzles and games

WHY: With the kids home from school, you want a family activity that doesn't involve screens.

HOW HARD IS IT: The hardest part isn't finding all the edge pieces, it's finding a puzzle.



Booming sales have led to shortages. If you want to try a new board game, boardgamegeek.com has an encyclopedic listing of games organized by genre and popularity and with complexity ratings.

WILL IT LAST: If your family is competitive, there's a good chance puzzles and games will be part of your future.

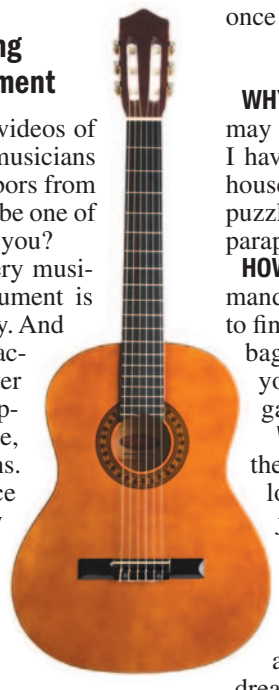
Feeding backyard critters

WHY: Sales of bird seed and feeders have taken flight as people stuck in their homes try to liven up the view outside the window. Squirrel feeding has also become popular, according to a recent Wall Street Journal article, with cooped-up homebodies getting social media mileage out of videos of the antics of the urban rodents.

HOW HARD IS IT: It's easy to buy bird seed. But it helps to have some video editing skills if you want to be like Mahtomedi resident Randy Lindorff, who got a quarter-million TikTok views on a slow-motion video of a crazy squirrel hanging from on a spinning bird feeder.

WILL IT LAST: As long as the coronavirus doesn't jump between humans and squirrels, we're good.

Learning to sing or play an instrument



WHY: You saw those videos of Italians applauding musicians serenading their neighbors from balconies. You want to be one of those musicians, don't you?

HOW HARD IS IT: Every musician thinks their instrument is the hardest of all to play. And they're all right. But places like MacPhail Center for Music in Minneapolis are offering live, online music lessons. "Here's a great chance to learn something new while you shelter in place," according to the school's website.

WILL IT LAST: Don't quit your day job.

Learning a new language

WHY: Being stuck at home is probably making a lot of us eager to see foreign lands someday.

HOW HARD IS IT: Apps like Babbel and Duolingo make it cheap and easy to get started in an abundance of different languages.

WILL IT LAST: It's hard to say which will come sooner, fluency in a new language or other countries allowing Americans to enter.

Backyard farming

WHY: We've all acquired a bit of a prepper mind-set since the pandemic hit. The idea of starting a vegetable garden and keeping chickens sounds better than masking up and facing shortages at the grocery store.

HOW HARD IS IT: You can weed, water and fertilize, but you may find it hard to beat supermarket quality and prices. Also, you'll have to wait a while for your first cucumber or egg to arrive.

WILL IT LAST: Maybe, if knowing that you grew it makes it taste better than store-bought.

Sewing

WHY: You'll feel like you're making a difference in a difficult time if you volunteer to churn out a few dozen cloth masks.

HOW HARD IS IT: You might have to drop a few hundred dollars to get a decent sewing machine. And there's a bit of a learning curve. Thread tension? Bobbin winders? The Singer Start 1304, a beginner model, has a 73-page manual and a 30-item troubleshooting guide.

WILL IT LAST: Well, someone will have to turn all those cloth face masks into quilts once this is all over.

Decluttering

WHY: Now that you're home a lot, you may look around and wonder, "Why do I have all this stuff?" Especially as your house fills up with board games, jigsaw puzzles, musical instruments and sewing paraphernalia.

HOW HARD IS IT: Closings and high demand during the pandemic made it hard to find a place to donate stuff. But the garbage service hasn't stopped. Or maybe you can try to host a socially distant garage sale.

WILL IT LAST: Depends on if all the stuff you acquired for your lockdown hobby continues to spark joy.

Cardboard cat architecture

WHY: Instead of recycling all those boxes from Amazon, you can create an elaborate, multilevel, cardboard dream house for your cat.

HOW HARD IS IT: All you need is tape and a box cutter. Which you can have delivered from Amazon.

WILL IT LAST: After you finish the mansion, your cat will probably also want a cardboard pirate ship, a cardboard plane, a cardboard convertible …

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How to (kindly) uninvite people from your wedding and other etiquette tips amid the COVID-19 pandemic

By ERIN McCARTHY
The Philadelphia Inquirer (TNS)

Oleksii Kolechkin / Dreamstime / TNS

Couples who were scheduled to get married this summer are making difficult choices amid the coronavirus pandemic.

In pre-pandemic times, wedding season would be well underway, with elaborate celebrations across the region.

But the pandemic has uprooted nearly every aspect of life, including the way we celebrate love.

The coronavirus spreads primarily from person to person, and people are especially at risk in poorly ventilated, indoor spaces.

Couples who were scheduled to get married this summer are making difficult choices: Do they postpone their weddings entirely? Get married with just immediate family there and have a larger party at a later date, when it is safe to do so? Or have the wedding they planned but cut down the guest list?

All of the options come with logistical challenges, etiquette questions you won't find in a wedding handbook, and lots and lots of stress for brides, grooms, and guests.

When planning a wedding during a pandemic, the soon-to-wed couple should prioritize the health and safety of their guests, advises the Knot, a popular wedding-planning website. For people moving forward with a wedding, the Knot suggests setting backup dates with venues and vendors in case infections surge or gathering restrictions change.

Masks should be worn indoors and whenever social distancing is not possible outdoors.

In between questions about proper face mask etiquette, Jacquelyn Youst, an etiquette expert and owner of the Pennsylvania Academy of Protocol, has been fielding inquires from concerned couples who are worried about what to do about their upcoming nuptials.

"They really do have to take into account the guest comfort level and (if they have a wedding) to not expect for everybody to come," she said. But "there's no hard and fast etiquette."

With that in mind, here's some advice from the experts on how couples and guests should handle this weird wedding season:

I decided to postpone the big party, but I still want to mark my original wedding day. How can I do that safely?

Youst said she has heard of couples who got married on their original date with just immediate family or close friends there. Others even held an intimate lunch "reception" or a backyard

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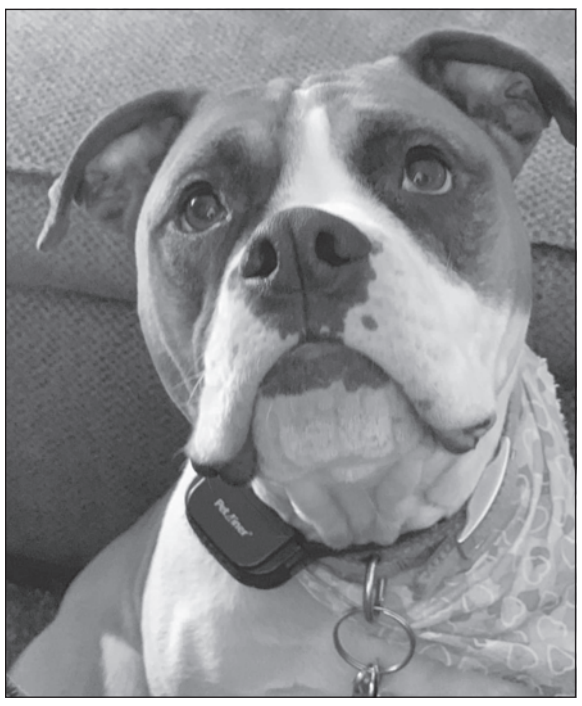
PET OF THE WEEK



This little sweetheart is Baylee. She is an Old English Bulldog almost 5 years old and is losing her home. Baylee does well with male dogs, small dogs and would do best with children 10 and up. She takes Apoquel for allergies. The perfect home would have a fenced in yard for her to sunbathe. If interested, please complete the app online or call Seven Star Rescue, 269-588-0470.

Ageism must go

Lynn Kellogg
Generations

The World Health Organization (WHO) calls ageism "the most socially acceptable prejudice in the world." Citing negative ripple effects across business, healthcare, and public policy, the harm eventually touches everyone.

Countries across the world are experiencing a rapidly aging global population. The WHO leads international efforts to combat ageism, declaring the years 2020-2030 to be the "Decade of Healthy Ageing". The message: ageism must go.

A recent edition of The Journal of the American Society on Aging focused on taking action against elder mistreatment and cited ageism as a systemic part of the cause. The researchers at Frameworks Institute in Washington D.C. shared findings that posed an interesting comparison of how the experts understand the issue of elder mistreatment in contrast to public perception.

For example, experts saw cause of mistreatment at the systemic level, focusing on how formal and informal systems of support (or lack thereof) shape the interactions of those who commit and experience abuse or mistreatment. The public however, tended to see cause at the individual level, seeing flaws in the person committing mistreatment, the person being mistreated, or the relation between the two.

Likewise, experts saw solutions at the systemic level; changing societal systems to impact the underlying causes of abuse or mistreatment and resulting in more effective response when mistreatment occurs. Public solutions by contrast, focused on individual actions such as neighbors checking in on older people, and efforts to change individual behavior by public service announcements or social media campaigns.

Perspectives on whether the problem is solvable or not varied as well. Experts saw a range of strategies that could be effective, while public opinion tended to be "fatalistic", hopeless in many instances; responding endlessly to individual situations.

It was pointed out that when public perception focuses on the individual level, it becomes difficult to see the problem as a public issue. Research pointed out members of the public not only lacked systemic understanding of how the issue came to be, they also were unaware of existing entities or avenues available to help.

The American Society on Aging articles promoted connecting hospital models of care with community organizations to address elder mistreatment. For example, an Age-Friendly Health System Model led by the Institute of Healthcare Improvement and funded by the Hartford Foundation focused on connecting abuse patients coming into the emergency department with community organizations capable of helping.

The studies were fascinating. The themes of these articles however, go well beyond the topic of mistreatment.

In healthcare, several local initiatives to connect medical intervention with community supports are creating more effective systems for seriously ill patients to manage a host of non-medical challenges in the home. Results include better health outcomes and a sense of hope and empowerment by the patient.

Through efforts of Healthy Berrien Consortium, multiple funders, and a multi-year Interagency Care Team demonstration, key entities such as Area Agency on Aging, Spectrum Health Lakeland, Caring Circle, and others, are learning to formally combine efforts to change systems for better outcomes.

Recent Michigan Health Endowment Fund investments are taking these efforts to a higher level to create a Community of Care concept. More on that another time.

Meanwhile the systemic view of issues and solutions held by experts, versus the individualized view of issues and solutions held by the broader public, fit well into many issues and prejudices beyond ageism and mistreatment; racism in particular.

Change requires helping the public see systemic issues. Many businesses, including Area Agency on Aging, are incorporating training on systemic racism into staff training plans. Different community education offerings are surfacing. We each have ability to be a part of systemic change. It behooves us all to be active and supportive as possible in these efforts.

Lynn Kellogg is CEO of Region IV Area Agency on Aging in Southwest Michigan. Questions on age or independence services? Call the Info-Line for Aging & Disability at 800-654-2810 or visit www.areaagencyonaging.org. The Generations column appears each Saturday in The Herald-Palladium.

VOLUNTEERS

Help feed the hungry

Fresh, healthy food tends to have a short shelf life. To make sure it gets distributed as quickly as possible, Feeding America West Michigan developed the mobile food pantry.

Mobile pantries are like farmers markets on wheels, delivering a variety of fresh fruits, vegetables, dairy products and baked goods to people in need, often on the same day the food is donated.

Volunteers help distribute food, carry heavier groceries for people who need help, and give a smile to those who are experiencing food insecurity.

For upcoming mobile food pantry dates and locations, visit www.feedwm.org.

To volunteer, visit volunteer.uwsm.org.

United Way of Southwest Michigan

The Herald-Palladium, in conjunction with the United Way of Southwest Michigan, publishes volunteer opportunities every Saturday.

To view all current listings, please visit United Way of Southwest Michigan's volunteer page at **uwsm.org/volunteer.**

Military Hero Care Network

The American Red Cross Hero Care Network provides critical services to military members, veterans and their families all over the world.

The American Red Cross of Southwest Michigan is looking for volunteers to help with tasks such as sending emergency communications for deployed service members, communicating with families of newly enlisted service members, and referring veterans and their families to local programs.

Training will be provided, and volunteers can work remotely.

For more information, or to sign up, visit volunteer.uwsm.org.

Health screeners needed

The Berrien County Health Department needs support as it brings back services. The department has implemented a staff and client health screening upon entry, and needs volunteers to help manage the check-in station at the main entrance of its Benton Harbor and Niles offices.

The station also provides face coverings/masks to those who arrive without one.

This is a no-contact position. Volunteers can maintain appropriate social distancing from others and personal protective equipment will be provided by the department.

For more information, or to sign up, visit volunteer.uwsm.org.

Health care heroes

PACE of Southwest Michigan is looking for medically trained volunteers to help support their staff and clients. PACE is looking for a volunteer nurse and nursing assistant.

The nurse will provide direct and indirect nursing care to participants in the PACE Center and in the community. The nursing assistant will perform participant care activities and other tasks as assigned to assist the primary care, therapy and adult day health staff.

For more information, or to sign up, visit volunteer.uwsm.org.

Face masks for front-line workers

In partnership with the Emergency Operations Center, United Way of Southwest Michigan is collecting homemade face masks to distribute to front-line workers and volunteers at area agencies and organizations.

Agencies such as homeless shelters, Meals on Wheels, and many others are still working with their clients every day. They need masks to help protect their staffs, volunteers and clients.

There are no longer set drop-off locations and times. United Way will accept donations by appointment only. If you have donations, contact Amanda Drew at 982-4038 or amanda.drew@uwsm.org.

Help ease worry

Meals on Wheels of Southwest Michigan is working with area seniors to fill many needs during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Meals on Wheels is seeking donation of hygiene items that can be included in deliveries to seniors. Those items include full-size shampoo, full-size toothpaste, toothbrush, and notes of encouragement and cheer.

For more information, visit volunteer.uwsm.org.

Turn compassion into action

American Red Cross of Southwest Michigan is looking for volunteers for several opportunities, such as a Disaster Action Team members, who provide 24-hour emergency response to local disasters, ensuring that those affected have access to resources for basic necessities such as food, shelter and clothing.

The American Red Cross also is looking for blood drive volunteers in Berrien and Cass counties.

For more info, or to sign up, visit volunteer.uwsm.org.

Give. Advocate. Volunteer.

United Way of Southwest Michigan mobilizes the caring power of communities to fight for the health, education and financial stability of every person. Volunteering your time and talent to create lasting solutions that improve life for everyone is an important part in United Way accomplishing this work. Volunteer today and join the fight, by visiting www.uwsm.org.

CHURCH NOTES

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, 9193 Cleveland Ave., Baroda, has returned to in-person worship services at 9 a.m. Sundays.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 2673 W. John Beers Road, Stevensville, has returned to in-person services with precautions in place. The church now has four weekly services: 8, 9:30 and 11 a.m. Sundays, and 6:30 p.m. Mondays. It will continue to livestream services on its Facebook and YouTube pages at 9:30 a.m. Sundays. For more info, visit www.stpaulswels.org.

All activities at **The Old Rugged Cross Church**, 61041 Vermont St., Pokagon, are canceled until further notice. For more info, visit www.the-oldruggedcross.org.

Zion St. Joe United Church of Christ, 3001 Veronica Drive, St. Joseph, welcomes you to join them Sunday in one of two ways. They will be on Facebook at ZionChurchStJoe at 10 a.m. Pastor Adam Bohland will continue the series entitled "Messages from the Wilderness" as he speaks on "The Wilderness of Our Own Making." You are also welcome to join their outdoor service at 9 a.m. (weather permitting). Please bring a chair, sunscreen and stay hydrated.

Second Baptist Church, 600 Donald Adkins Drive, Benton Harbor, is celebrating Pastor Kenneth Eric Robinson and First Lady Stephanie N. Robinson's 1st Pastoral Anniversary with a 10:45 a.m. morning worship service live streamed on its YouTube page, followed by a Love Celebration Parade. Cars may begin lining up at 1 p.m.

The Shore Church, 623 Church St., St. Joseph, has returned to in-person worship at 10:30 a.m. Sundays. For more info, call 208-3844.

Three Oaks United Methodist Church will have its worship service at 10 a.m. Sunday at the gazebo in Dewey Cannon Park, along East Maple Street. Attendees are asked to bring a chair, mask up and plan to maintain social distancing. If raining, services will be at Carver Park on the corner of Elm Street and Route 12.

Peace Lutheran Church, 3590 Lincoln Ave., St. Joseph, has returned to in-person worship at 10:15 a.m. Sundays. See its complete COVID-19 policies online at www.peacelutheranstjoe.org. The church will continue to stream services on its Facebook and YouTube pages.

Overflow Church in Benton Township will host a virtual VBS at noon daily from Aug. 3-7 for children in preschool through fifth grade. After participants register, they will be sent a kit of art supplies for the week. For more info, visit www.kidsvirtualvbs.com.

Pilgrim Congregational United Church of Christ, 1200 W. Glenlord Road, St. Joseph, has returned to in-person worship at 11:10 a.m. Sundays. For more info, call 429-1985 or visit pilgrimstjoe.org.

Baroda Bible Church, 9058 Third St., Baroda, plans to hold vacation Bible school from 6-8:30 p.m. July 27-31. For more information, call 422-1731.

Church Notes is a free listing, published each Saturday as a public service. Announcements are due by noon Wednesday. Late items will not be published. The editor reserves the right to edit for space and style. Incomplete information may not be published. First and last names should be furnished. Pictures submitted should include names of those shown. Pictures can be returned if accompanied by a self-addressed stamped envelope.

Send items to: Church Notes, The Herald-Palladium, P.O. Box 128, St. Joseph, MI 49085; or email to focus@TheHP.com. Items should include a daytime telephone number.

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lawn party afterward at one of their parents' homes.

First, talk to your core crew – think family and bridal party – about their comfort level and ability to attend, the Knot advises. Some people may not want to fly across the country right now or may live in a hot spot.

We decided to have our wedding as planned but cut down the guest list. How do I uninvite people?

If you have to cut guests yourself, it's best to let people know of this change of plans with as much of a personal touch as possible. Don't make it cold and generic, Youst said.

"A polite way would be a phone call," she said. "Either do it personally on a phone call or in a card in the mail."

She suggests couples tells uninvited guests that "they look forward to celebrating with them in other ways."

"Most people know what's going on" with the pandemic, she said. "I don't think (couples) need to provide a reason" why someone was uninvited but someone else was not.

Do be cognizant of social media posting after the celebration, though, says the Knot, and try to avoid posting photos of guests who were still in attendance.

If I'm uninvited to a wedding, should I still give a gift?

Yes. Youst said she still would send something within two months of the wedding.

"I would give something," she said, "but maybe something not as significant."

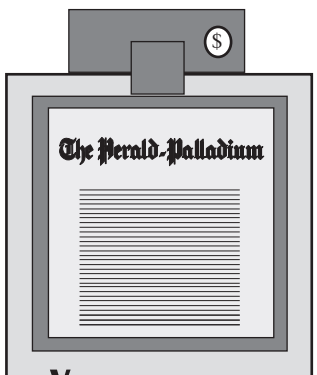
If I'm invited to a wedding but don't feel comfortable attending, what should I do? Do I still need to give a gift?

If you have yet to send back an RSVP, simply RSVP no.

If your RSVP is already in, Youst said, tell the couple as soon as possible and be honest but polite. The bride and groom should understand and respect your decision and comfort level regarding the virus.

But this doesn't let you off the hook for a gift, according to Youst.

"If you got an invitation," she said, "you'd give the same gift if you were going."



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Your photo must be in focus, all persons in the photo must be identified, and the general location of the hunt must be provided (for example, 10-point buck shot in Benton Township, black bear shot near Munising, Mich., etc.)

Hagar briefly hosts whistling-ducks

Jonathan Wuepper
Southwest Michigan Wildlife

One of the local bird highlights of 2020 is the discovery of six black-bellied whistling-ducks on July 10 at the home of Lizabeth Ter Meer of Hagar Township.

The ducks were seen by Ter Meer, and photographed by neighbor Debra Jesuthasan. The small flock was observed on the Ter Meer property for a good portion of that day but were gone the following day. To date, the ducks have not been relocated.

Black-bellied whistling-ducks have been expanding their range northward from South America and the Caribbean, and by the mid-20th Century were found in the United States, and not recorded in Michigan until 2006.

Records in the Great Lakes region have increased since the 1990s, with a total of 11 records in Michigan between 2006-2020. Berrien County's first black-bellied whistling-duck, a single bird, occurred from April 18-27, 2014 at the Andrews University Dairy Farm.

So far this year, black-bellied whistling-ducks have been reported in Oakland, Ottawa and St. Clair Counties in Michigan, and several from the Chicago area.

The black-bellied whistling-duck was formerly called the black-bellied tree-duck for its preference of nesting in tree cavities. The species now breeds in the southern United States, and I am unaware of any breeding records anywhere within the vicinity of the Great Lakes or Ohio River.

The black-bellied whistling-duck looks like a cross between a duck and a goose, with long legs and straight posture of the neck and head. The bird stands at about 1 1/2-feet in height and a wingspan of 2 1/2 feet.

Brad Anderson photographed a yellow-throated warbler on June 18, as it picked up a piece of vegetation presumably to be used as nest making material, off the Lakeside Road bridge over the Galien River. The Kesling Preserve, owned by the Southwest Michigan Land Conservancy located along Forest Lawn and Lakeside Roads, harbors this species.

The yellow-throated warbler is a common summer resident along river bottom swamps across the Southeastern U.S., north to Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, southern Pennsylvania and New Jersey.

The species nests regularly in Berrien County along the Galien River basin, which is the species' main nesting stronghold within the Wolverine State. The local yellow-throated warbler population attracts many birdwatchers to the region every year who want to see this southern wood warbler in Michigan.

The wooded forests along the Galien River contain the American sycamore – at heights of 20 to 70 feet – a nesting requirement of the yellow-throated warbler. Associate tree species include American basswood, American elm, silver maple and formerly white ash.

In American sycamores, the yellow-throated warbler constructs a nest out of thin plant fibers, caterpillar silk, lined with down. In southern states, the yellow-throated warbler will construct its nest inside clumps of Spanish moss growing among the sycamore tree.

The yellow-throated warbler arrives back on its Galien River nesting territory by April 13, often identified by its song rather than by sight because the small songbird rarely ventures away from the tops of the trees. In Michigan, an average of four eggs in one clutch is produced each year, but in the south two broods may be raised.

Yellow-throated warblers along the Galien River are most active from April to June or early July, after which they are still present but sing less often after young have fledged the nests. The species can be observed with greater effort than spring into late September.

Yellow-throated warblers spend the winter months in south Florida, Caribbean islands and Central America.

Brad Anderson also sent in a nice photo of a pair of eastern phoebes, taken on July 2 at the Kesling Preserve.

The eastern phoebe is the most abundant member of the flycatcher family in Southwest Michigan, common from March through October with occasional winter reports.

This flycatcher, although rather plain in appearance, is easily identified by its song, a repeated "pheo-be, pheo-be." Another diagnostic behavior of the eastern phoebe is its tail bobbing.

Its nickname is bridge bird because of its habit of frequently constructing its nest under bridges. The nests are constructed out of hair, feathers, grass and held together with dried mud pellets. The two adult eastern phoebes in Anderson's photo are likely a local nesting pair.

Larry Blyly of Harford Township submitted a photo of a hen wood duck along with 19 babies in tow crossing his backyard deck.

Wood ducks nest in hollow tree cavities or nesting boxes constructed specifically for the species. Nest sites must be over or near water. The wood ducks in Blyly's photo probably were hatched over the nearby Paw Paw River.

In our region the wood duck produces one clutch of 10-15 eggs per season. Occasionally we see an above average number of young wood ducks, such as in Blyly's photo, showing 19 babies. This may be attributed to nest dumping which occurs when other female wood ducks lay eggs in another female wood duck's nest.

The majority of the wood duck population leaves Michigan by the middle of November for the Southeastern US, but a few do remain around open water throughout the winter.

Jonathan Wuepper is an area naturalist. Report your sightings to him at wuepperj@gmail.com.

Photo provided / Debra Jesuthasan

Six black-bellied whistling-ducks are seen July 10 at the home of Lizbeth Ter Meer in Hagar Township. They were gone the next day.

Photo provided / Larry Blyly

A mother wood duck walks her 19 babies across a backyard deck in Hartford Township.

Photo provided / Brad Anderson

A yellow-throated warbler is carrying nesting material along Lakeside Road near Three Oaks.

Photo provided / Brad Anderson

A pair of eastern phoebes are seen July 2 at Warren Dunes State Park.

Watervliet Rod and Gun Club to offer CPL classes

HP STAFF

The Watervliet Rod and Gun Club is offering concealed pistol license classes through the end of the year.

August: Register from 6-7 p.m. Aug. 11. Classes are from 6-10 p.m. Aug. 13 and from 8 a.m.-6 p.m. Aug. 15

September: Register from 6-7 p.m. Sept. 15. Classes are from 6-10 p.m. Sept. 17 and from 8 a.m.-6 p.m. Sept. 19.

October: Register from 6-7 p.m. Oct. 6. Classes are from 6-10 p.m. Oct. 8 and from 8 a.m.-6 p.m. Oct. 10.

December: Register from 6-7 p.m. Dec. 1. Classes are from 6-10 p.m. Dec. 3 and from 8 a.m.-6 p.m. Dec. 5.

For more information, call 470-9191 or 468-3837.

FISHING REPORT

Southwest Lower Peninsula

St. Joseph: The river ad very good perch fishing both north and south of the piers in 15 to 22 feet. With the good perch fishing, few boats were salmon fishing. Charter boats caught lake trout and the occasional salmon or steelhead in 80 to 120 feet. Other than all the freshwater drum being caught, pier fishing was slow.

South Haven: Perch fishing was decent, with most caught south of the piers. The fish were scattered in 20 to 50 feet. Salmon fishing was slow, but a few lake trout and smaller Chinook were caught in 100 feet or so. Pier fishing was slow for all species.

Holland: Salmon and trout action was slow.

Lake Macatawa: Catfish and freshwater drum are being caught. Walleye and perch were caught on a harness with crawlers and leeches.

Port Sheldon: Salmon and trout were caught 30 to 80 feet down in 90 to 140 feet when trolling green and blue meat rigs.

Grand Haven: The Harbor Island boat launch is still closed. Pier anglers caught a couple steelhead on shrimp.

Grand River near Grand Rapids: Fishing was slow, with mainly small catfish and the occasional keeper walleye.

Ottawa County: Anglers trolling for crappie in the Bass River area caught some good-size fish.

Muskegon: Salmon and trout action was slow, with only a few caught 20 to 80 feet down in 90 to 160 feet. Try spoons or meat rigs.

Muskegon Lake: The lake was producing some walleye.

Muskegon River: Trout are difficult to find due to warm water temperatures. Walleye were caught on Hardy Pond. Smallmouth and suckers still were biting near Hersey.

White Lake: The lake was producing walleye, bass and bluegills.

— Michigan DNR, July 16

Photo provided / Michigan DNR

This record-setting quillback carpsucker, at 9 pounds, 15 ounces and 24.75 inches, was caught in April in the Muskegon River in Mecosta County on April 28.

Michigan DNR reports 2 state fish records

From THE MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

During the first few months of the coronavirus emergency in Michigan, a lot of people turned to the outdoors for exercise, fresh air and a little peace of mind. For two residents, that included time on the water that led to new state-record fish.

Owen Seay of Big Rapids was baitcasting in the Muskegon River in Mecosta County on April 28 when he caught a quillback carpsucker weighing in at 9 pounds, 15 ounces and measuring 24.75 inches.

That catch bested the previous state record, an 8.52-pound catch on Hardy Dam Pond in Newaygo County in 2015.

Scott Heintzelman, the DNR's Central Lake Michigan Management Unit manager out of Cadillac, verified that new record.

On May 25, Garrett Rice of Athens caught a 33-pound bigmouth buffalo measuring more than 3 feet long while bowfishing on Lake Erie in Monroe County.

Jay Wesley, Lake Michigan Basin coordinator with the DNR Fisheries Division, verified Rice's fish, which replaced the 32-pound record-holder caught last year on the Shiawassee River in Saginaw County.

Verification of state records usually happens quickly after a catch but has been delayed due to COVID-19 public health and safety restrictions. These two records were recorded remotely on certified scales, then frozen, and later verified in person.

State-record fish are recognized by weight only. To qualify, a fish must exceed the current listed state-record weight, and identification must be verified by a DNR fisheries biologist.

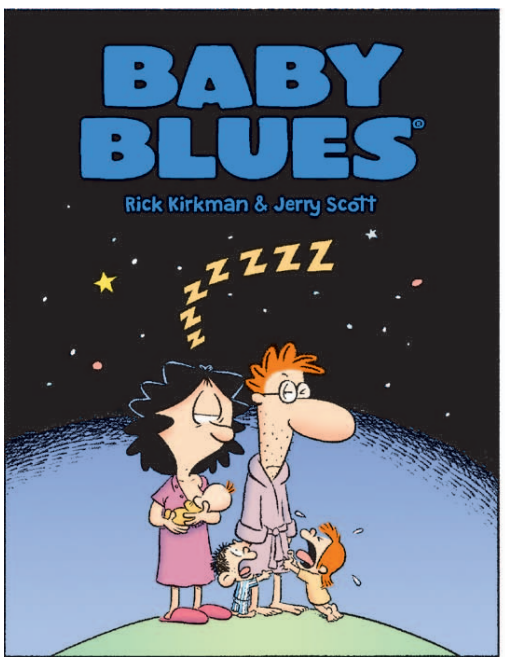
See the current roster of record setters at Michigan.gov/StateRecordFish.

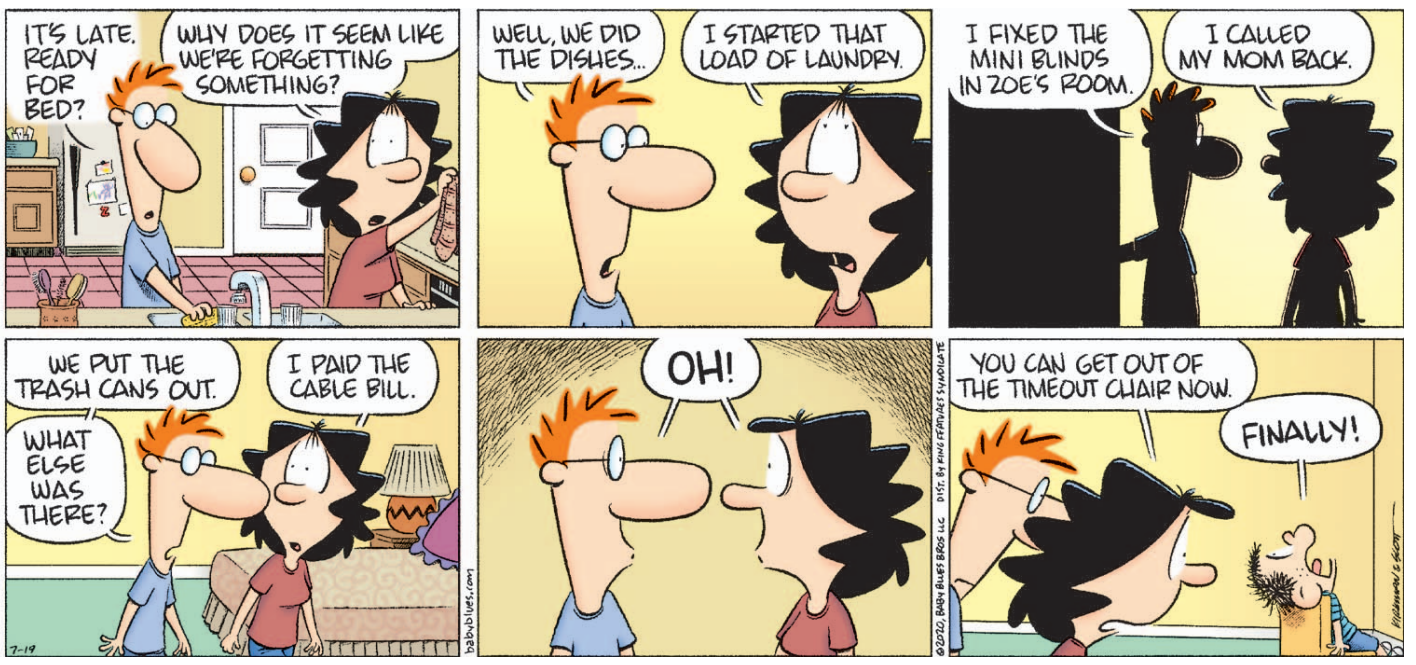
Weekend Comics

JULY 18-19, 2020

BABY BLUES

Rick Kirkman & Jerry Scott




IT'S LATE. READY FOR BED?
WHY DOES IT SEEM LIKE WE'RE FORGETTING SOMETHING?
WELL, WE DID THE DISHES...
I STARTED THAT LOAD OF LAUNDRY.
I FIXED THE MINI BLINDS IN ZOE'S ROOM.
I CALLED MY MOM BACK.
WE PUT THE TRASH CANS OUT.
I PAID THE CABLE BILL.
WHAT ELSE WAS THERE?
OH!
YOU CAN GET OUT OF THE TIMEOUT CHAIR NOW.
FINALLY!
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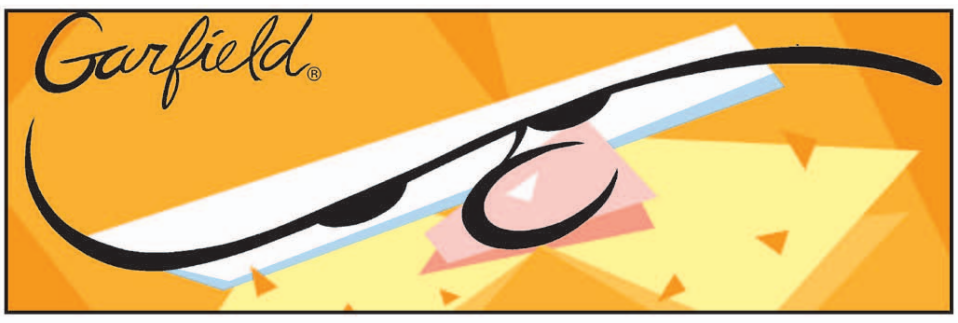
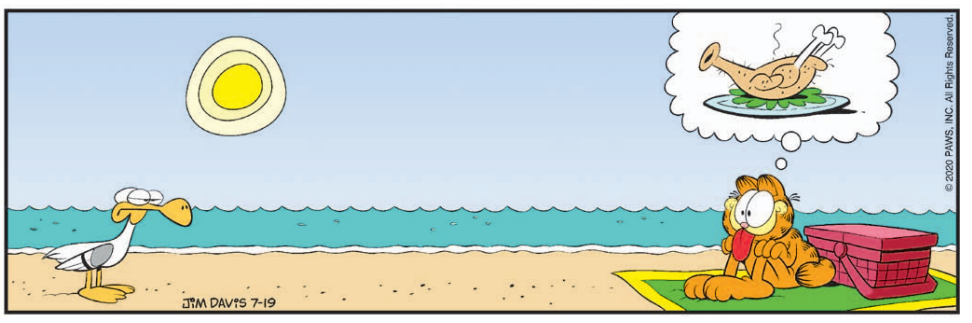
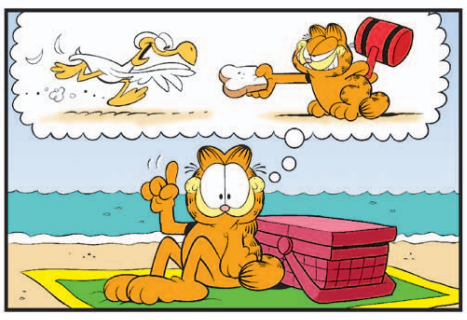
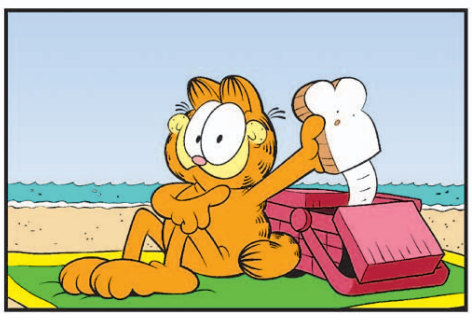
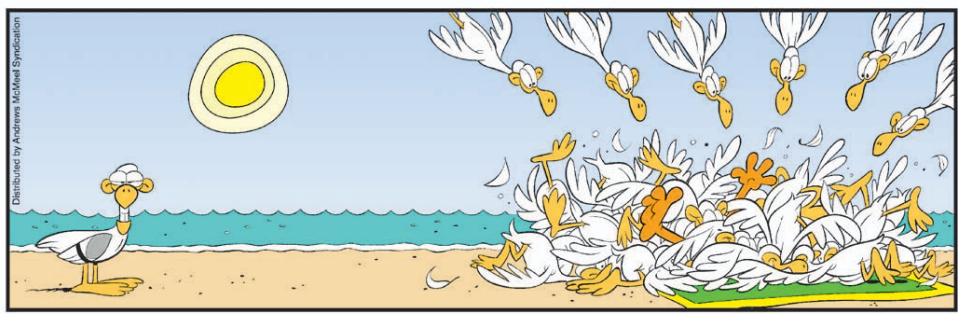
Garfield











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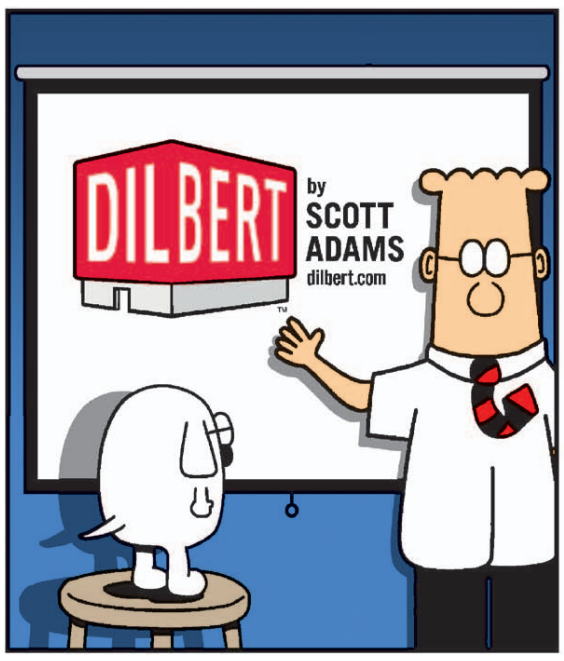

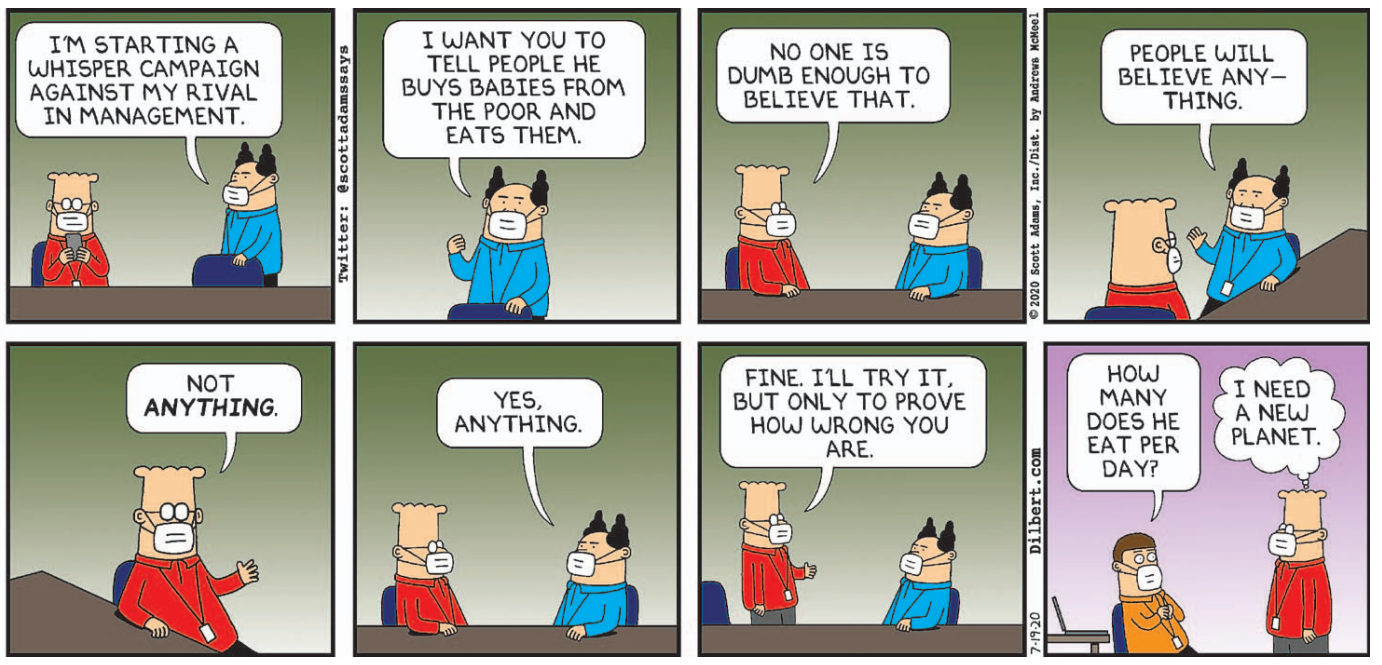
I'M STARTING A WHISPER CAMPAIGN AGAINST MY RIVAL IN MANAGEMENT.
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I WANT YOU TO TELL PEOPLE HE BUYS BABIES FROM THE POOR AND EATS THEM.
NO ONE IS DUMB ENOUGH TO BELIEVE THAT.
PEOPLE WILL BELIEVE ANY-THING.
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NOT ANYTHING.
YES, ANYTHING.
FINE. I'LL TRY IT, BUT ONLY TO PROVE HOW WRONG YOU ARE.
HOW MANY DOES HE EAT PER DAY?
I NEED A NEW PLANET.
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Dennis the Menace

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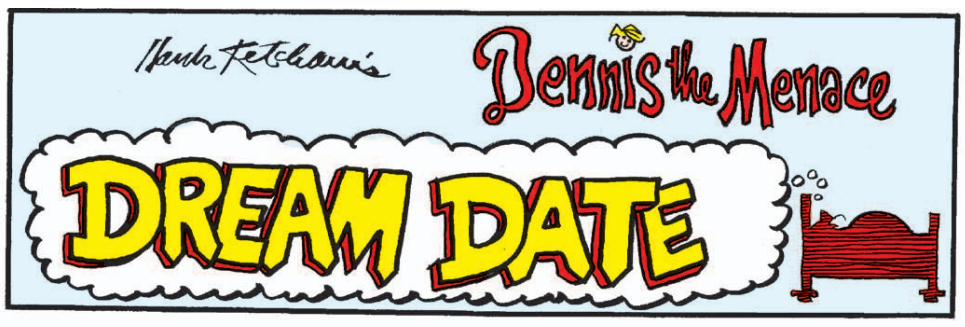
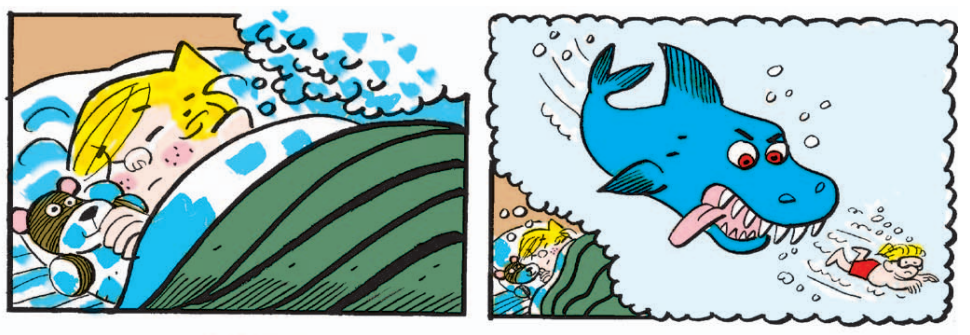
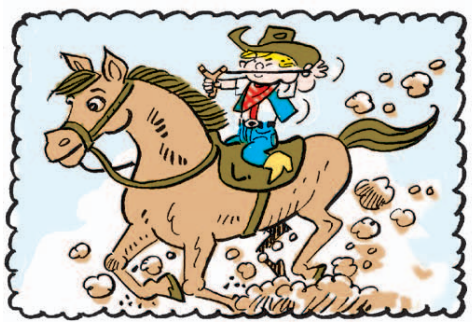
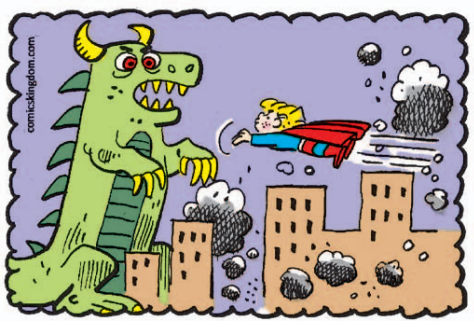
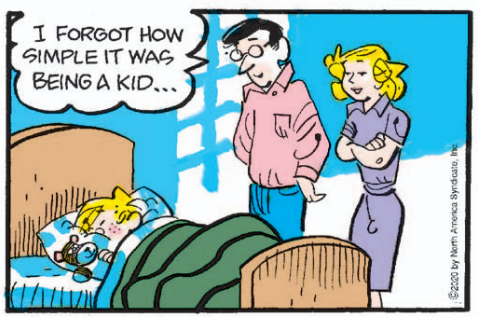
DREAM DATE











CURTIS

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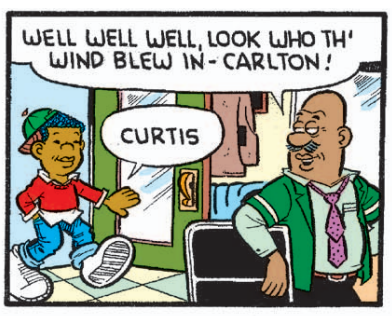

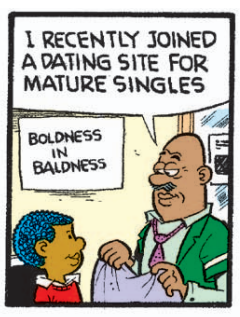

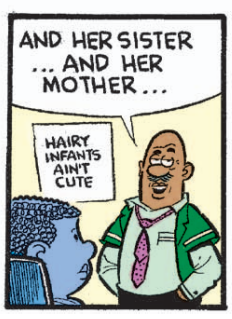

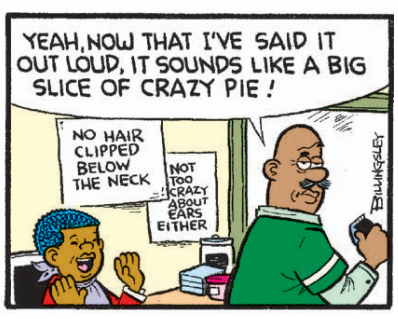
YEAH, NOW THAT I'VE SAID IT OUT LOUD, IT SOUNDS LIKE A BIG SLICE OF CRAZY PIE!
NO HAIR CLIPPED BELOW THE NECK
NOT TOO CRAZY ABOUT EARS EITHER
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THE SUN IS UP, THE AIR IS FRESH...

ARE YOU STILL IN BED?

GET UP!

Z

I SAID, GET UP!!

Z Z

HOW CAN HE SLEEP THROUGH THAT?

ZZZ

I KNOW, I'LL JUST PULL THE BED RIGHT OUT FROM UNDER HIM

YANK

HOW DOES HE DO THAT?!

Z

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I HAVE A REGISTERED LETTER FOR YOU

OKAY

HOLD ON, I NEED TO SEE SOME IDENTIFICATION BEFORE I HAND OVER THIS REGISTERED LETTER

OH, PLEASE! AFTER ALL THE MAIL YOU'VE DELIVERED TO ME!

SORRY...RULES ARE RULES, AND I NEED TO SEE SOME IDENTIFICATION FIRST

FINE! WAIT HERE

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♪

THAT WAS QUICK! PLEASE SIGN HERE

THANK YOU

THANK YOU

I KNOW I SHOULDN'T DO THAT, BUT SOMETIMES I JUST CAN'T HELP MYSELF!

HE DIDN'T EVEN NOTICE IT WAS MY LIBRARY CARD

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MUTTS

Patrick McDonnell

PHEW.

IT'S SO HOT AND DRY

IT FEELS LIKE WE'RE IN THE DESERT!

WELL...

BEING IN A SANDBOX DOESN'T HELP.

NOT TO MENTION THE CAMEL.

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Hi and Lois

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CHIP?

IN HERE, DAD.

YOU NEED TO GET A SUMMER JOB.

DOING WHAT?

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I HAD A PAPER ROUTE WHEN I WAS YOUR AGE.

HOW DID YOU DO THAT?

ON MY BIKE.

WE COULD USE THE CAR.

ERIC REYNOLDS

I'LL PRACTICE MY DRIVING AND YOU CAN THROW THE PAPERS.

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NO.

NO!

DO YOU REALLY MEAN THAT?

YES!

MOMMY SAID YES.

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FUNKY WINKERBEAN®

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I LOVE YOU, LES.

CUT!

SOMETHING'S NOT QUITE CLICKING...

LET'S TAKE FIVE AND THEN TAKE ANOTHER RUN AT THE SCENE.

DIRECTOR

MAYBE YOU WERE RIGHT, LES... MAYBE ALL I'M GOOD FOR IS SPACE OPERA SHOOT-'EM-UPS!

LISTEN, JUST REMEMBER THAT THE PERSON WHO'S SAYING 'I LOVE YOU' IS SOMEONE WHO KNOWS ALL OF LES' SECRETS, LIES AND PRAYERS.

I LOVE YOU, LES!

CLAP! CLAP! CLAP! CLAP! CLAP!

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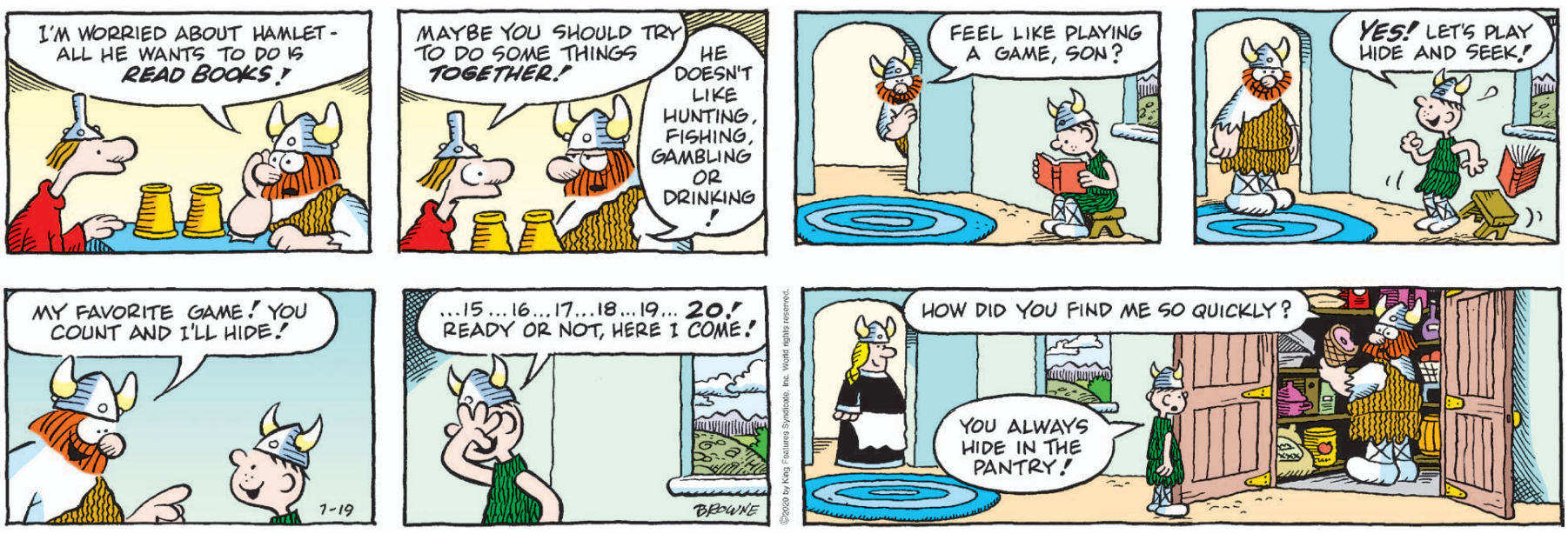
HAGAR the horrible

by DIK BROWNE


I'M WORRIED ABOUT HAMLET - ALL HE WANTS TO DO IS READ BOOKS!
MAYBE YOU SHOULD TRY TO DO SOME THINGS TOGETHER!
HE DOESN'T LIKE HUNTING, FISHING, GAMBLING OR DRINKING!
FEEL LIKE PLAYING A GAME, SON?
YES! LET'S PLAY HIDE AND SEEK!
MY FAVORITE GAME! YOU COUNT AND I'LL HIDE!
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...15...16...17...18...19... 20! READY OR NOT, HERE I COME!
BROWNE
HOW DID YOU FIND ME SO QUICKLY?
YOU ALWAYS HIDE IN THE PANTRY!
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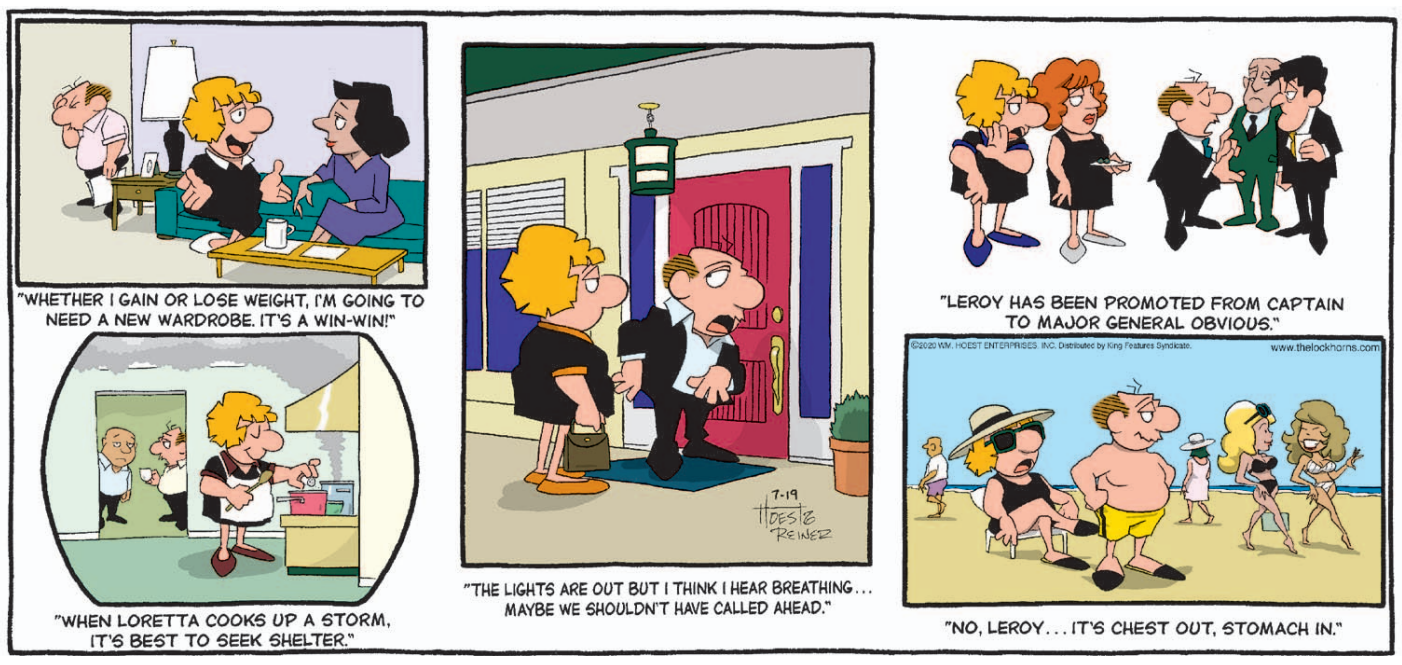
THE LOCKHORNS

BY BUNNY HOEST AND JOHN REINER


"WHETHER I GAIN OR LOSE WEIGHT, I'M GOING TO NEED A NEW WARDROBE. IT'S A WIN-WIN!"
"WHEN LORETTA COOKS UP A STORM, IT'S BEST TO SEEK SHELTER."
"THE LIGHTS ARE OUT BUT I THINK I HEAR BREATHING... MAYBE WE SHOULDN'T HAVE CALLED AHEAD."
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HOEST REINER
"LEROY HAS BEEN PROMOTED FROM CAPTAIN TO MAJOR GENERAL OBVIOUS."
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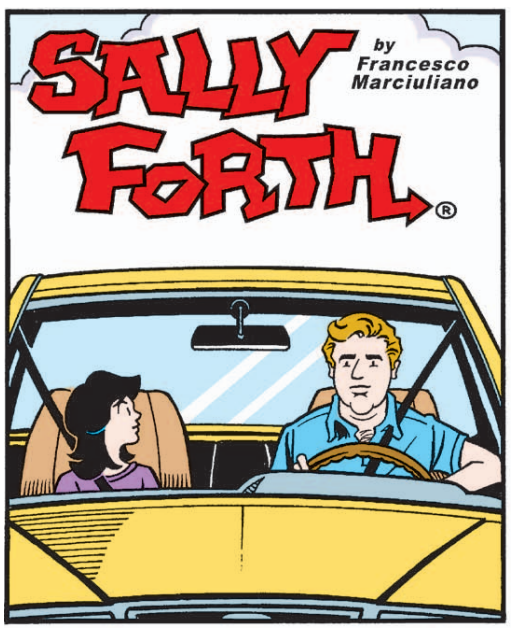
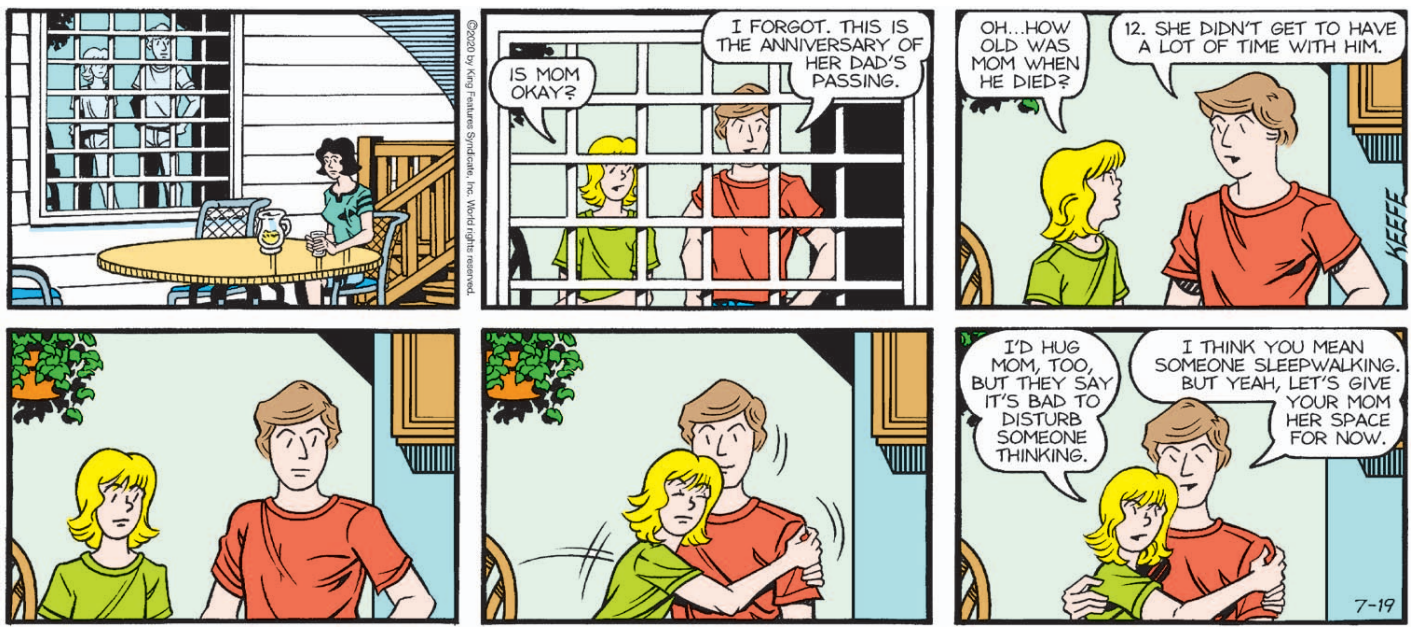
"NO, LEROY... IT'S CHEST OUT, STOMACH IN."

SALLY FORTH®

by Francesco Marciuliano

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IS MOM OKAY?
I FORGOT. THIS IS THE ANNIVERSARY OF HER DAD'S PASSING.
OH...HOW OLD WAS MOM WHEN HE DIED?
12. SHE DIDN'T GET TO HAVE A LOT OF TIME WITH HIM.
KEEFE
I'D HUG MOM, TOO, BUT THEY SAY IT'S BAD TO DISTURB SOMEONE THINKING.
I THINK YOU MEAN SOMEONE SLEEPWALKING. BUT YEAH, LET'S GIVE YOUR MOM HER SPACE FOR NOW.
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ZITS

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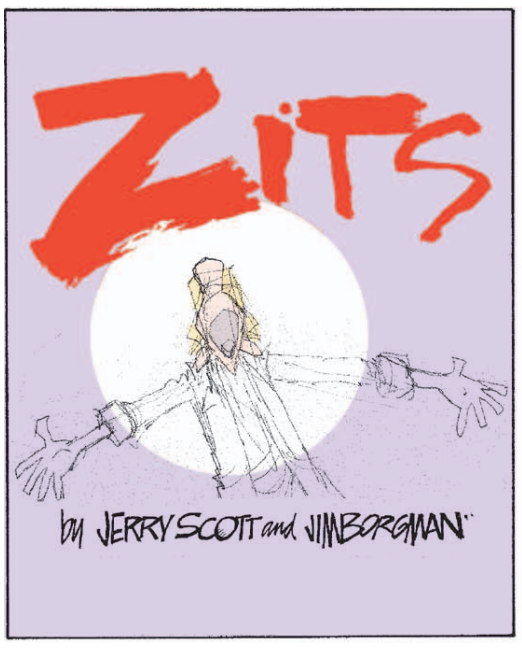

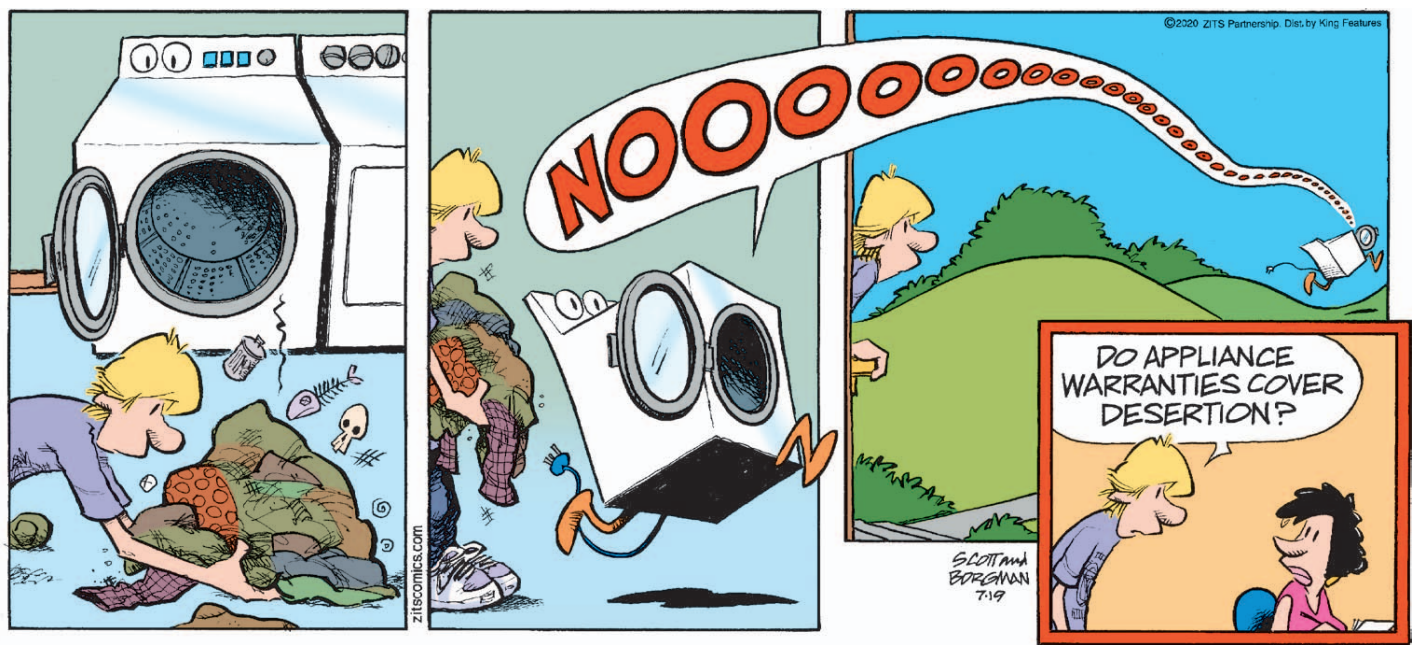

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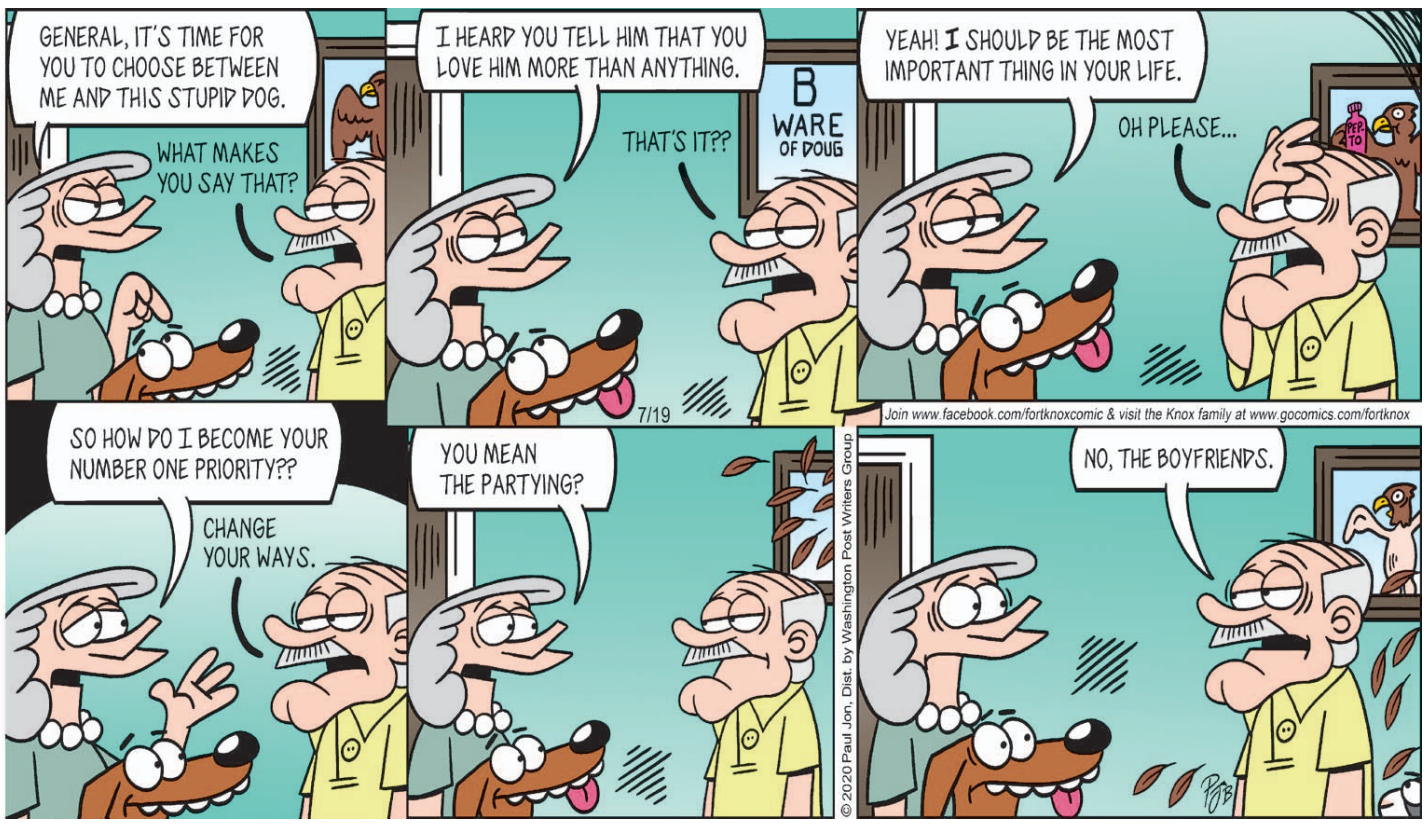
GENERAL, IT'S TIME FOR YOU TO CHOOSE BETWEEN ME AND THIS STUPID DOG.
WHAT MAKES YOU SAY THAT?
I HEARD YOU TELL HIM THAT YOU LOVE HIM MORE THAN ANYTHING.
THAT'S IT??
B WARE OF DOUG
YEAH! I SHOULD BE THE MOST IMPORTANT THING IN YOUR LIFE.
OH PLEASE...
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SO HOW DO I BECOME YOUR NUMBER ONE PRIORITY??
CHANGE YOUR WAYS.
YOU MEAN THE PARTYING?
NO, THE BOYFRIENDS.
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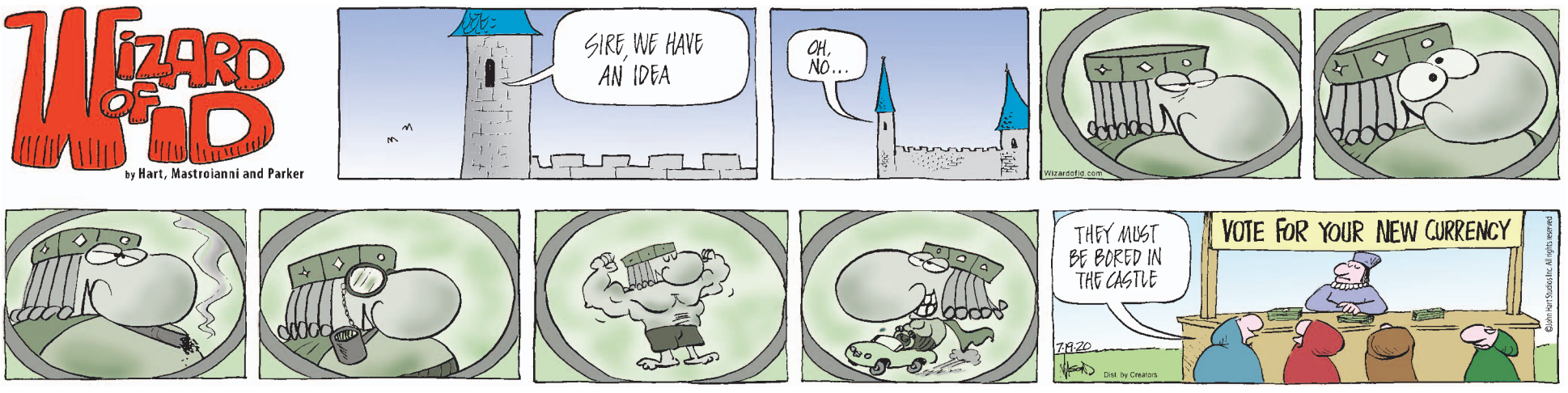
WIZARD OF ID

by Hart, Mastroianni and Parker



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BY MASTROIANNI AND HART

THE GIFT OF FLIGHT AND I'M JUST BORED.

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POTSHERD BARN

They say that in a certain number of years, only the ones *inside* will be visible.

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By STEVE KELLEY and JEFF PARKER

LOOK AT THIS GUY, HELEN... SOME PEOPLE LOOK GOOD NO MATTER WHAT THEY'RE WEARING.

JUST GOES TO SHOW, CHARISMA IS WHAT MAKES A HANDSOME GUY.

WHAT'S DAD DOING?

HE COULD STAND IN FRONT OF THAT MIRROR ALL DAY.

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THE FIRST TIME POPPIN' GOT FRESH

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PICKLES

by BRIAN CRANE

WHAT DO YOU KEEP LOOKING AT UP THERE?

THE CEILING FAN.

HERE'S A SILLY QUESTION... WHY ARE YOU STARING AT THE CEILING FAN?

I KEEP HAVING THIS NAGGING FEAR THAT IT'S GOING TO FALL DOWN ON ME.

I'M WONDERING IF IT'LL DECAPITATE ME OR JUST BASH MY SKULL IN.

WHY DON'T YOU MOVE TO A DIFFERENT CHAIR?

NAH. TOO MUCH BOTHER.

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Bob Weber Jr.'s SLYLOCK FOX and COMICS FOR KIDS

Slylock Fox and Max Mouse are tracking a bank robber through remote wilderness. The robber has been heading south toward a train rail. When they came upon a spot where he stopped to eat, Slylock suspects the crook heard them approaching and fled to resume his escape. What evidence led the fox to that conclusion?

Solution -- The robber left his compass behind. In this very remote area, it's unlikely he would have ventured off without it.

NEWS BANK ROBBED

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HOW TO DRAW a caveman

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Today's terrific artist is Aaron, age 8

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The scrambled words are birds that can mimic the human voice. How many can you unscramble?

1) ERATEPKA
2) RWOC
3) OTOAKCOC

Answer -- 1) Parakeet 2) Crow 3) Cockatoo

Spot six differences between these panels.

MOMMY!

MOMMY!

Answer -- Bug, alligator's tail, eggshell, palm tree, duck and bush.

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